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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

UNAPOLOGETICALLY MUSLIM

Author
M Shahid

We cannot aspire to lead a Tribe or a Nation until we excel in research and development across every aspect of the Islamic paradigm, which serves as our true code of conduct.

TRANSFORM HEARTS **CHANGE THE WORLD**

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WORDS OF ALLAAH

Quran & Sunnah

WORK OF ALLAAH

Science & Technology

It is He Who created for you all that is on the Earth.
(Surah Al-Baqarah V-29)

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AUTHOR'S NOTE

My journey began in the vibrant streets of Lahore and took me to the financial heart of London in 2007. However, the most significant milestone of my life occurred on 10th April 2011, the day I consciously returned to Islam with clarity and conviction. That decision did not merely transform my spirituality, it redefined my understanding of leadership, responsibility and excellence.

From that point forward, my career was no longer a pursuit of personal success. It became a commitment to Ihsan (excellence anchored in truth) and a mission to build a legacy that endures beyond profit and position.

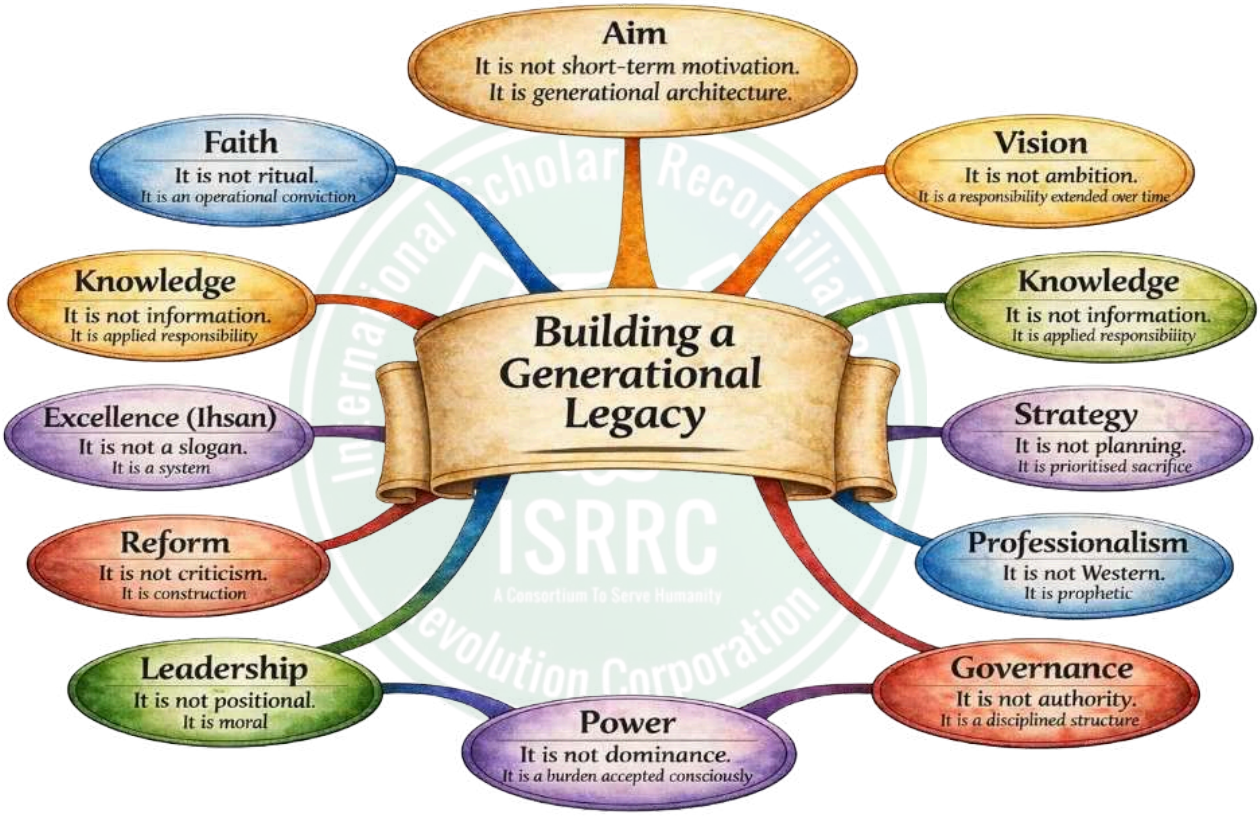
For over fifteen years in the United Kingdom, I served in Senior Executive and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) roles for various world-class organizations, operating from London's global headquarters.

Having worked at that level gave me direct exposure to the internal mechanics of high-performing global organisations' governance structures, strategic execution, financial discipline, institutional cultures, long-term vision building and the ethical foundations that serve as the bedrock of global leadership.

I gradually saw that the leadership principles admired in contemporary institutions reflected timeless foundations already articulated in the Qur'an and Sunnah. After more than a decade in executive leadership abroad, I returned to Pakistan with a deliberate mission and with a blueprint to contribute to the rebuilding of principled leadership at scale.

My work focuses on developing individuals who combine faith, competence and disciplined execution, through education, structured training, strategic frameworks and cross-partner collaborations.

The aim is not short-term motivation. It is generational development.



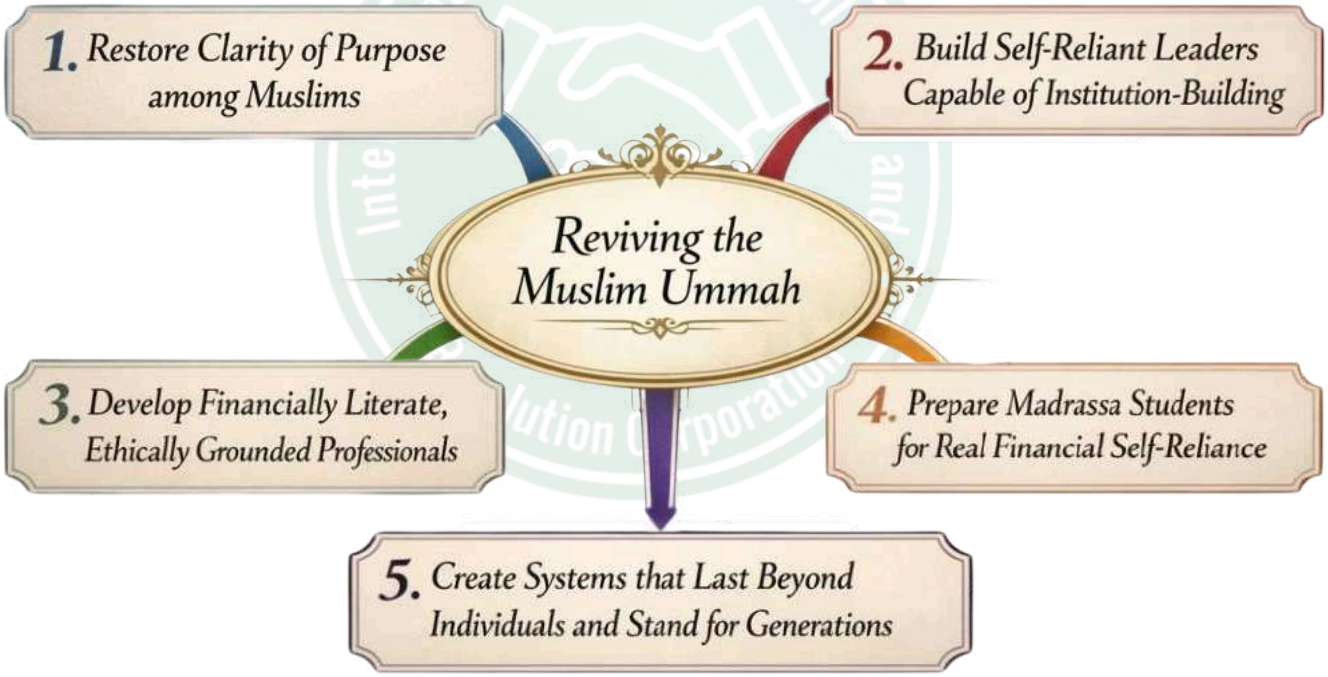
Having said the above, I am committed to developing principled leaders with purpose. My organization is dedicated to creating a framework for generational development.

We bridge the gap between high-level corporate strategy and the grassroots, from equipping our youth with self-reliance to empowering Madrassa students with the financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit needed to lead in a modern economy.

This series of books is my contribution to our collective "forgotten purpose." Whether you are a student, a professional or a scholar, these pages are designed to move you towards sincerity (Ikhlas) in intention, precision in actions, integrity and excellence in conduct to reach a global standard of professionalism in family life, business and society at large.

We are not just building careers, we are rebuilding a nation. We are not just writing books, we are drafting the future.

The book you hold is part of a larger body of work designed to:


1. Restore Clarity of Purpose among Muslims
2. Build Self-Reliant Leaders Capable of Institution-Building
Reviving the Muslim Ummah
3. Develop Financially Literate, Ethically Grounded Professionals
4. Prepare Madrassa Students for Real Financial Self-Reliance
5. Create Systems that Last Beyond Individuals and Stand for Generations

- Nations do not decline because of a lack of resources.
- They decline because of a lack of principled leadership.

This work is not meant to be admired. Its purpose is to produce leaders. The purpose is fulfilled only when principled leadership becomes the norm, not the exception and they carry these standards forward across generations.

I conclude this note with a reflection inspired by the vision of our National poet, Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal, whose words continue to call the Muslim world towards dignity, purpose and leadership.

Do not wait for recognition. Earn your place through discipline, integrity and service.

Create your own path and work to bring forward a new era guided by courage, responsibility and the principles of Islamic justice.

Purpose is discovered through sincere self-reflection. When a person understands who they are and what they stand for, their direction becomes clear.

Never trade your dignity for temporary gain. Even in hardship, protect your honour and build your reputation through character rather than wealth.

Our youth must rise with the strength of mind and clarity of faith, prepared like falcons, independent in thought, firm in conviction and ready to carry the responsibility of shaping the future.

O Allaah, build within our youth courage, discipline and strength of character together with unshakable determination.

O Allaah, raise among them leaders like the falcon who aim high, face challenges without fear, stand independent and refuse to live in weakness.

O Allaah, this is my humble request: guide the Ummah with wisdom and clear judgment so that leadership is exercised with justice, responsibility and within the boundaries of Your law.

Be advised, Iqbal's Shaheen was not just a bird metaphor. It represented:

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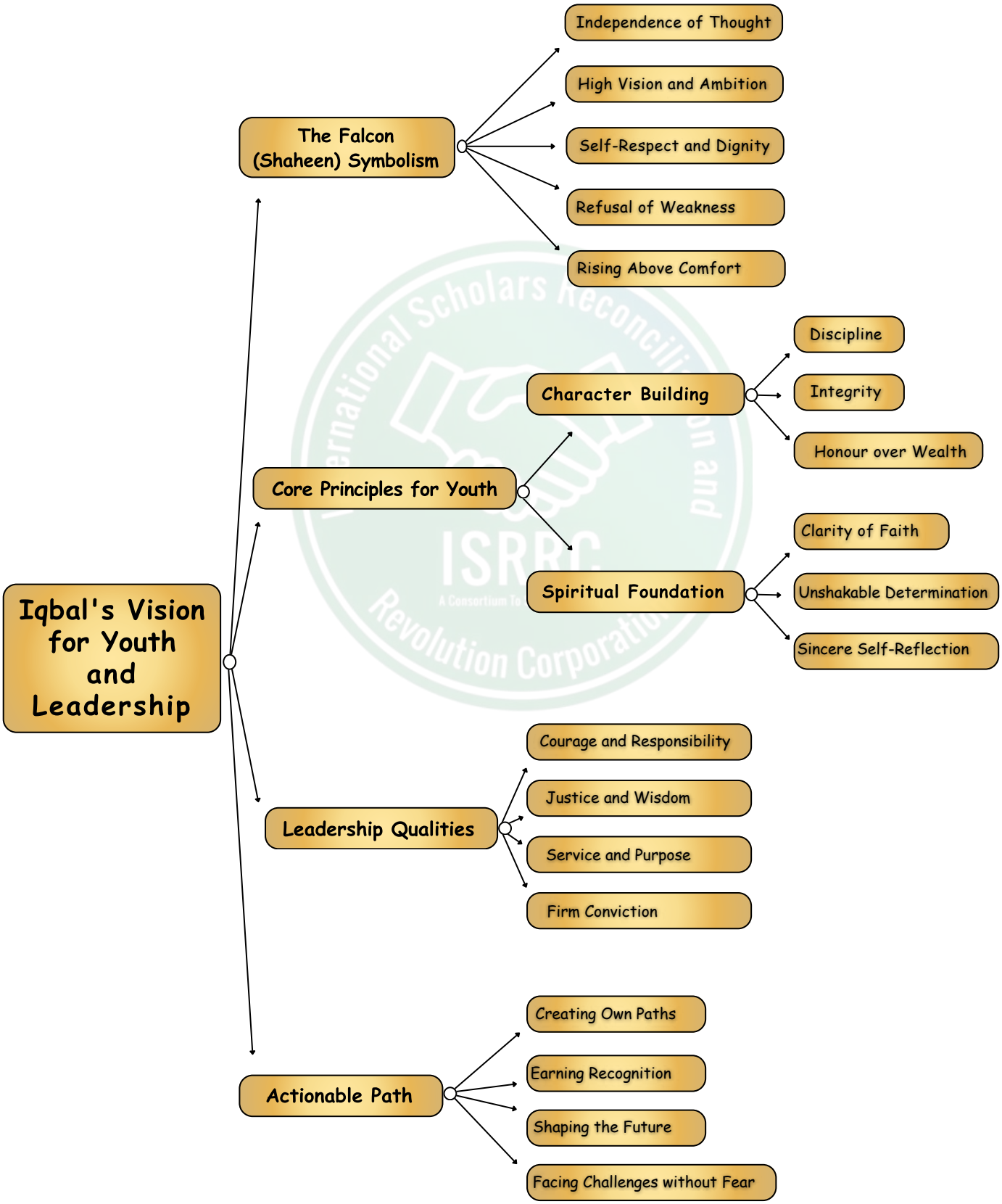
Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal's Vision



EDUCATION

- Business Management – Harvard University (USA)
- Exercising Leadership – Harvard University (USA)
- Leadership Management-Thunderbird School of Global Management
- Financial Analyst – University of Maryland Global Campus
- Academic and Business Writing – UC Berkeley
- Applied Quranic Framework & Analytical Methodology - Queens Mary University of London
- FMAAT (July 2016) - London, United Kingdom
- B.A (Hons) In Applied Accounting (2011) – United Kingdom
- Business Management Diploma (2009) – United Kingdom
- CAT- ACCA - QBE Glasgow (2006) – Scotland

Education illuminates minds, fuels aspirations and propels humanity forward.

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CLARIFICATION FROM THE QUR'AN

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ

There is no compulsion in religion.

(Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqarah 2:256)

Some people misunderstand this verse to mean that all religions are equally valid. However, the Qur'an itself clarifies this point in other verses.

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِندَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

Indeed, the only religion acceptable to Allaah is Islam.

(Qur'an, Surah Aal-e-Imran 3:19)

وَ مَنْ يَّبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْاِسْلَامِ دِيْنًا فَلَنْ يُّقْبَلَ مِنْهُ ۚ وَ هُوَ فِى الْاٰخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخٰسِرِيْنَ

And whoever desires other than Islam as religion, never will it be accepted from him and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.

(Qur'an, Surah Al Imran 3:85)

And further, Allaah instructs the believers:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

O you who believe! Fear Allaah as He should be feared, and do not die except in a state of Islam.

(Qur'an, Surah Aal-e-Imran 3:102)

Conclusion for the Reader

While Islam does not force anyone to accept faith, the Qur'an makes it absolutely clear that Islam is the only Deen acceptable to Allaah and that a believer must strive to live and die as a Muslim.

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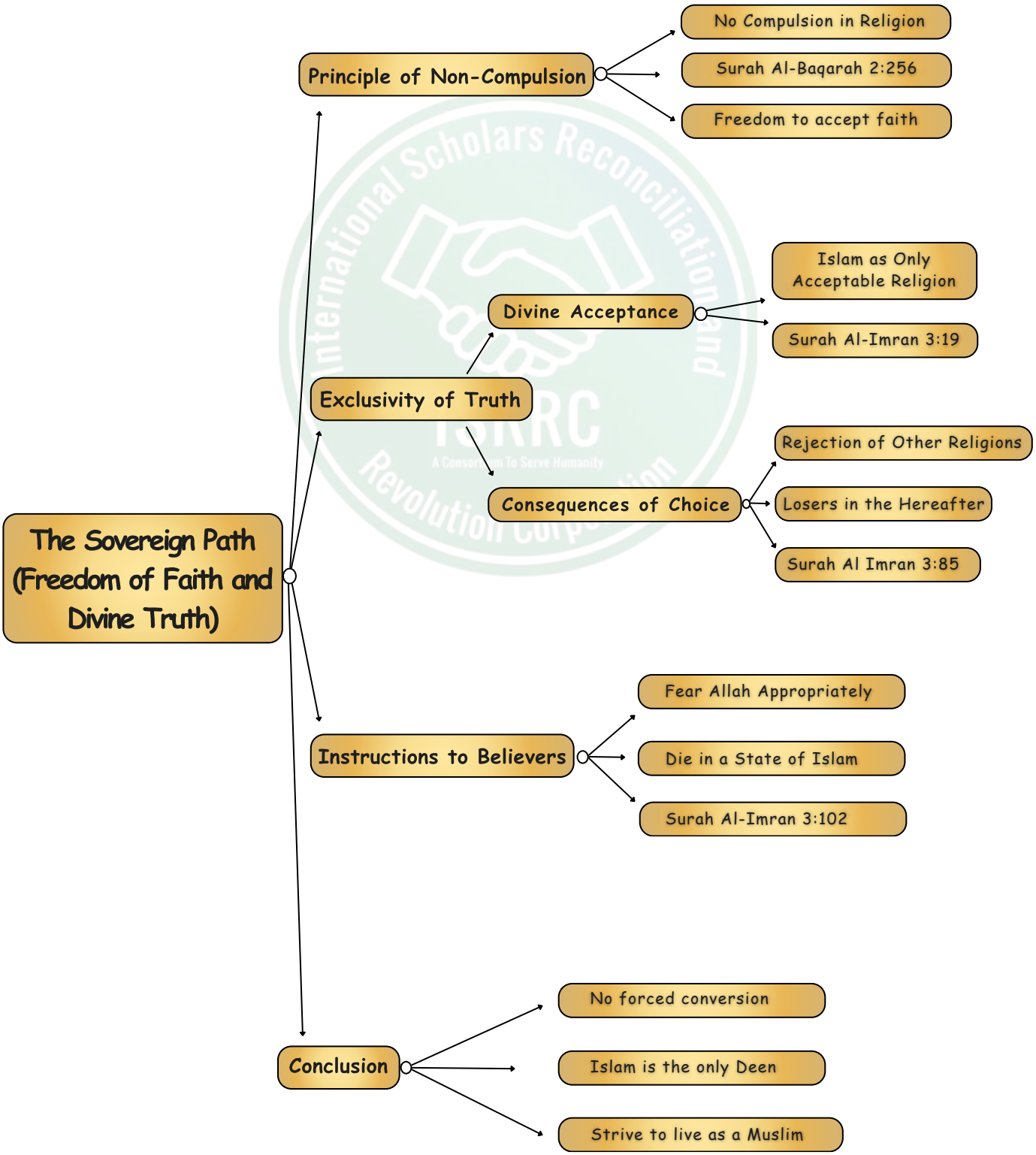
CLARIFICATION FROM THE QUR'AN



MONOTHEISTIC FAITH

What is the definition of Muslims?

لَا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا اللّٰهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُوْلُ اللّٰهِ

There is no deity of worship except Allaah and Prophet Muhammad (Peace & Blessings be upon him) is His Last Messenger and the Seal of Prophethood (خَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّيْنَ).

اَنَا خَاتَمُ النَّبِيِّيْنَ لَا نَبِيَّ بَعْدِي

I am the seal of the Prophets, there is no prophet after me.

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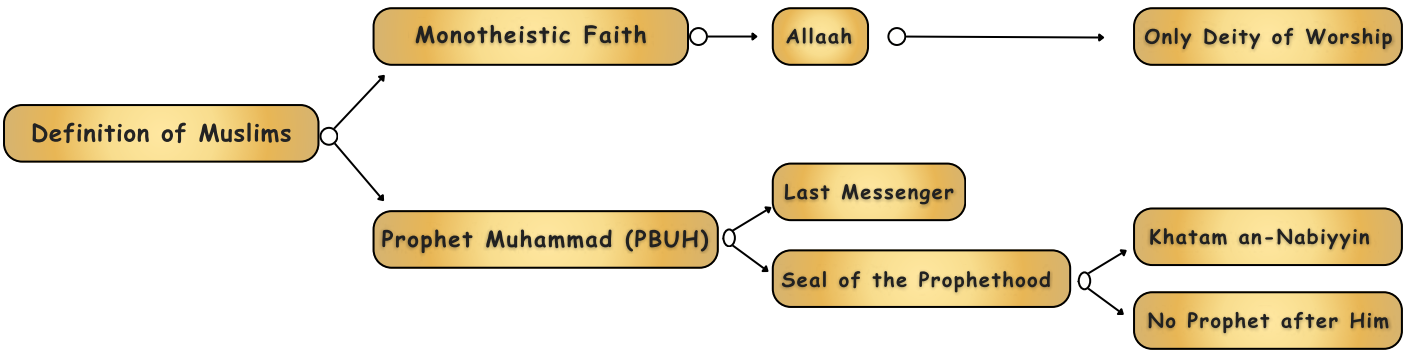
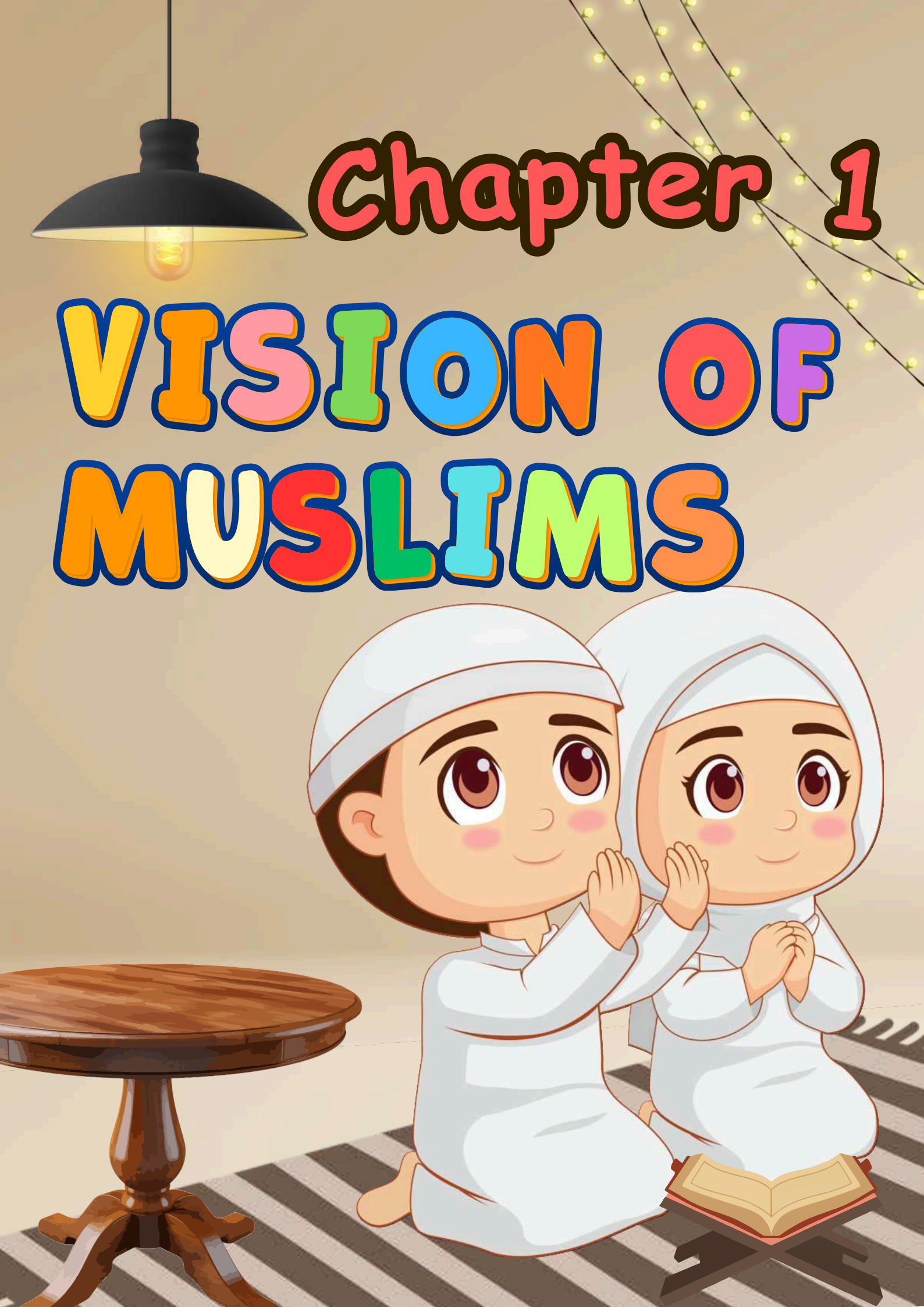


Chapter 1

VISION OF MUSLIMS



VISION OF MUSLIM

A true Muslim and follower of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) strives to live a life of faith, compassion and righteousness, emulating the Prophet's teachings and character in all aspects of life.
Our presence in this world is to strive for excellence to shape an eternal and successful Hereafter.

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ ٱلْجِنَّ وَٱلْإِنسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

I did not create jinn and humans except to worship Me.

Al- Dhariyat ayat 56

Son of Adam, devote yourself to My worship and I will fill your heart with richness and tranquility and provide for you abundantly. Do not distance yourself from Me, for I love those who draw near to Me.

Jami' al-Saghir (Imam Suyuti)

LEARNING

- **Spiritual Growth**
  Prioritizing worship and devotion to Allaah leads to inner peace and contentment.

- **Closeness to Allaah**
  Allaah promises to provide for those who dedicate themselves to His worship.

- **Divine Provision**
  Maintaining a strong spiritual connection with Allaah is essential for experiencing His love and care.

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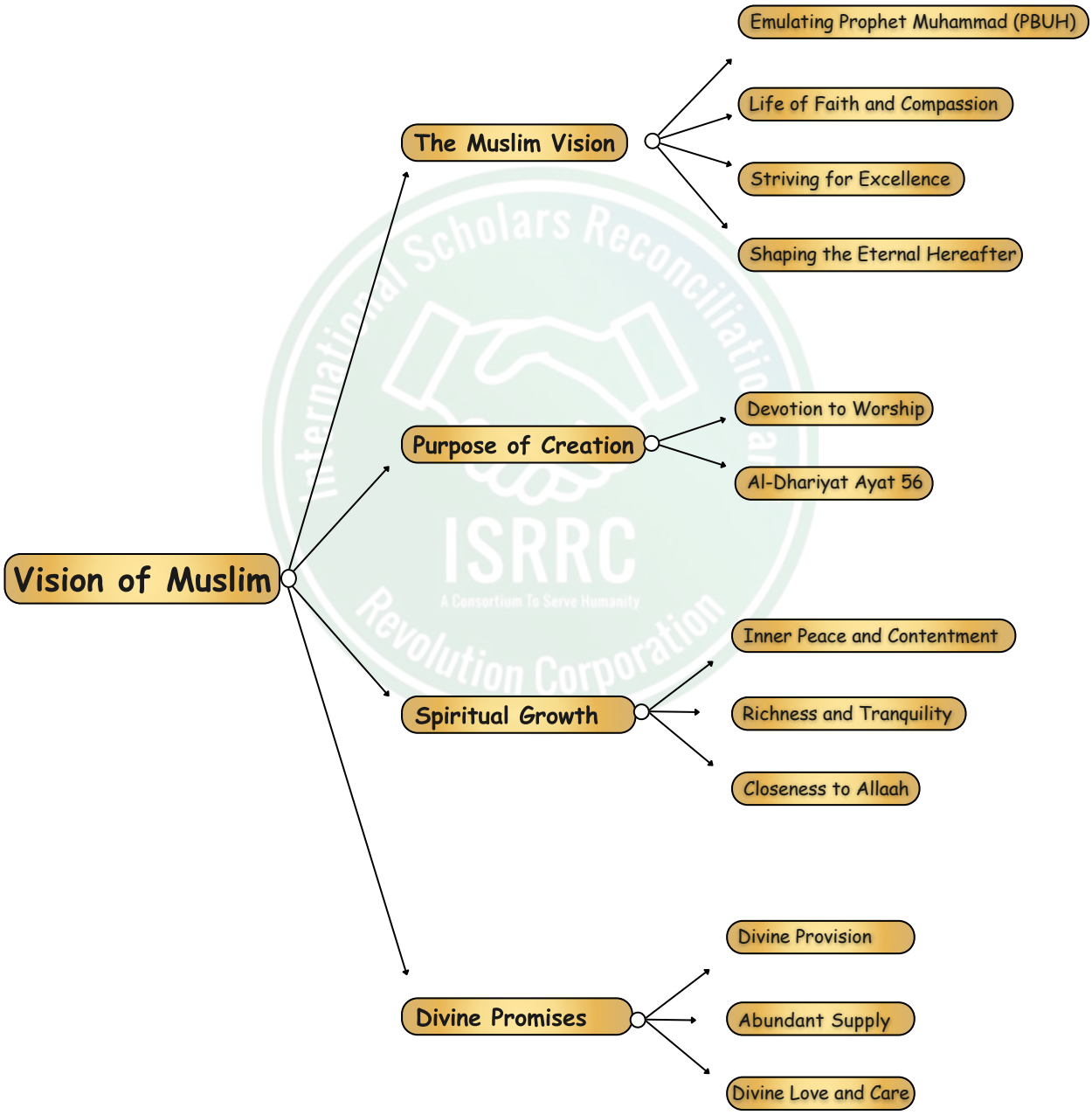

Chapter 2

OUR PURPOSE

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As Muslims, our purpose in life is multifaceted, encompassing spiritual, social, economic and political aspects.

Serving Allaah by Serving His Servants.

- **Worship Allaah**

Recognise & Worship Allaah Alone and live according to His Commandments.

- **Live Righteously**

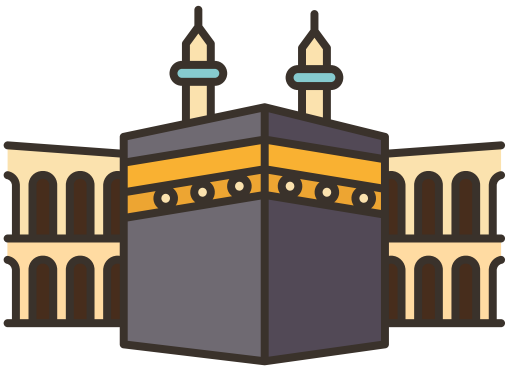
Emulate the Prophet's example. Striving for Moral Excellence, compassion and Justice.

- **Follow Muhammad's (PBUH) Teachings**

Adhere to Islamic principles, promoting good and preventing Haram and being accountable for one's actions.

- **Serve Allaah by Serving his Servants (People) Humanity**

Treat others with kindness, respect and fairness, regardless of their background or circumstances.



- **Seek Knowledge and Wisdom**

Pursue knowledge, wisdom and personal growth, using them for the betterment of oneself and society.

- **Prepare for the Hereafter**

Recognize the temporary nature of life and prepare for the eternal life in the Hereafter by doing good deeds and seeking Allaah's reassurance.

By fulfilling these Purposes, Muslim's strive to achieve a balanced life which is meaningful, pleasing to Allaah and contributing positively towards society.

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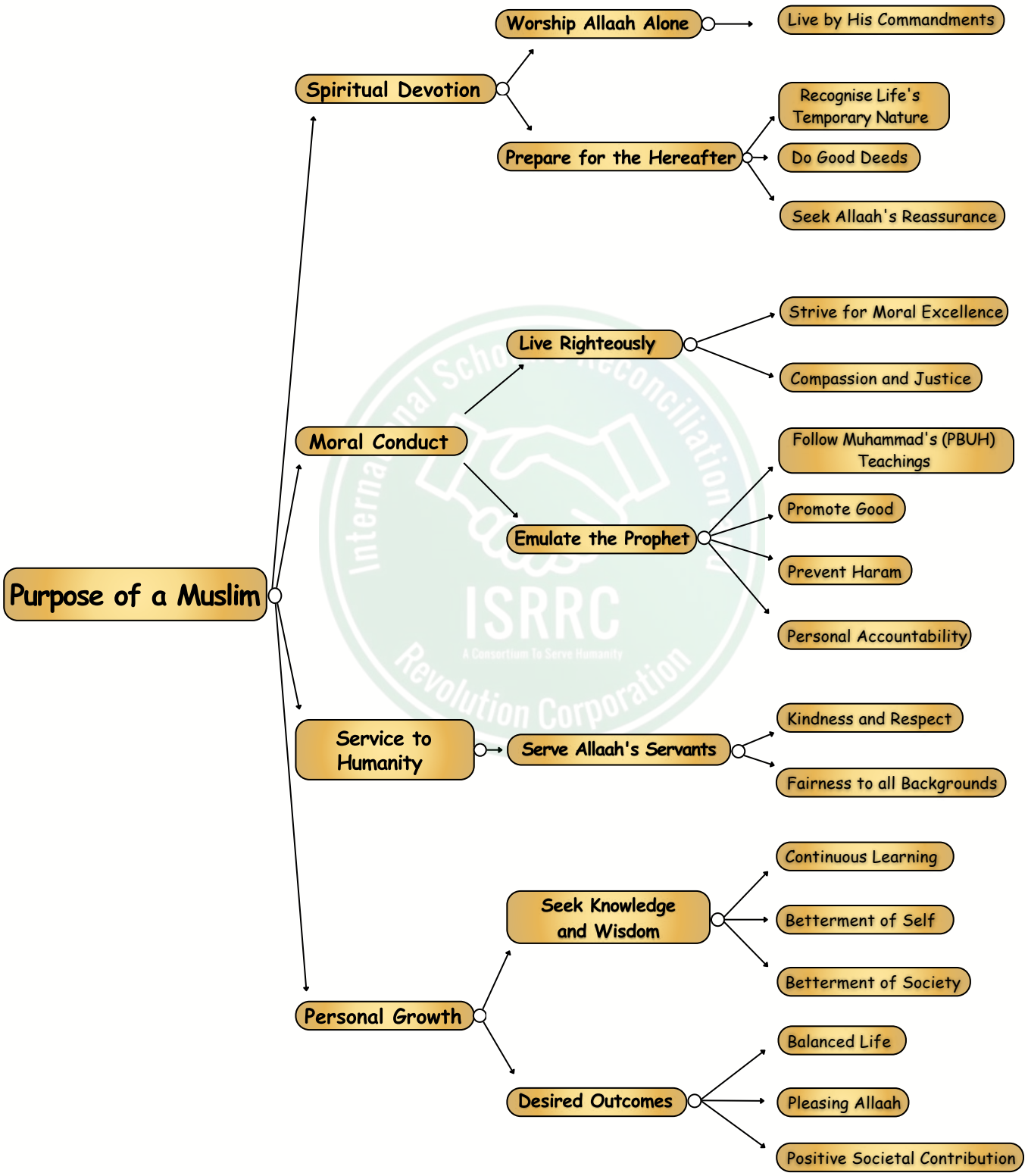

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OUR VALUES

OUR VALUES AS MUSLIMS

Rooted in the pursuit of piety and excellence, Muslim values guide believers to lead lives of profound compassion and unwavering justice. These principles foster a community built on honesty and integrity, creating a foundation of trust and mutual respect.

- **Taqwa**

Living a life of Piety and obedience to Allaah.

- **Ihsan (Excellence)**

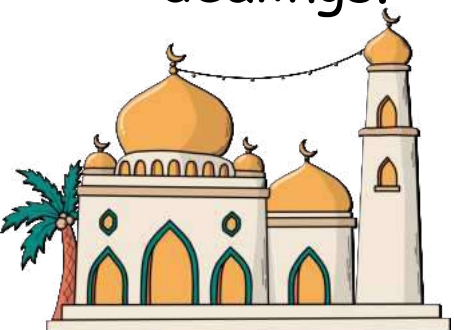
Striving for Excellence in all aspects of life.

- **Compassion**

Showing Kindness, empathy and mercy towards others.

- **Justice**

Upholding fairness, equality and Justice in all dealings.



- **Honesty**

Being truthful and trustworthy in words and Actions.

- **Faith, Hope & Piety**

Having strong Faith in Allaah, His plans, hope and optimistic approach in life and being mindful of His presence and guidance.

- **Humility**

Expressing gratitude to Allaah for His Blessings and Favours upon us.

- **Gratitude**

Being humble and modest, recognizing Allaah's Greatness.

- **Patience**

Enduring hardships and difficulties with Perseverance (GRIT).

- **Forgiveness**

Letting go of grudges and forgiving others.

- **Respecting Others**

Showing respect to all individuals, especially Parents, teachers and Elders.

- **Generosity**

Being generous and charitable, sharing your blessings with others.

- **Self-Control (EQ Management)**

Controlling one's emotions, desires and actions.

- **Accountability (Self Check)**

Being mindful of your actions and their consequences.

- **Trustworthiness**

Being reliable and trustworthy in your responsibilities.

- **Kindness**

Treating others with kindness and gentleness. "Be it a Janitor or a CEO"

- **Sincerity**

Acting upon plans or actions with sincerity and genuine intentions.

- **Perseverance (GRIT)**

Striving hard to achieve goals and overcome challenges.

- **Graciousness**

Showing kindness and doing good to others without expecting anything in return.

- **Self-Awareness**

Striving for self-improvement and spiritual growth.

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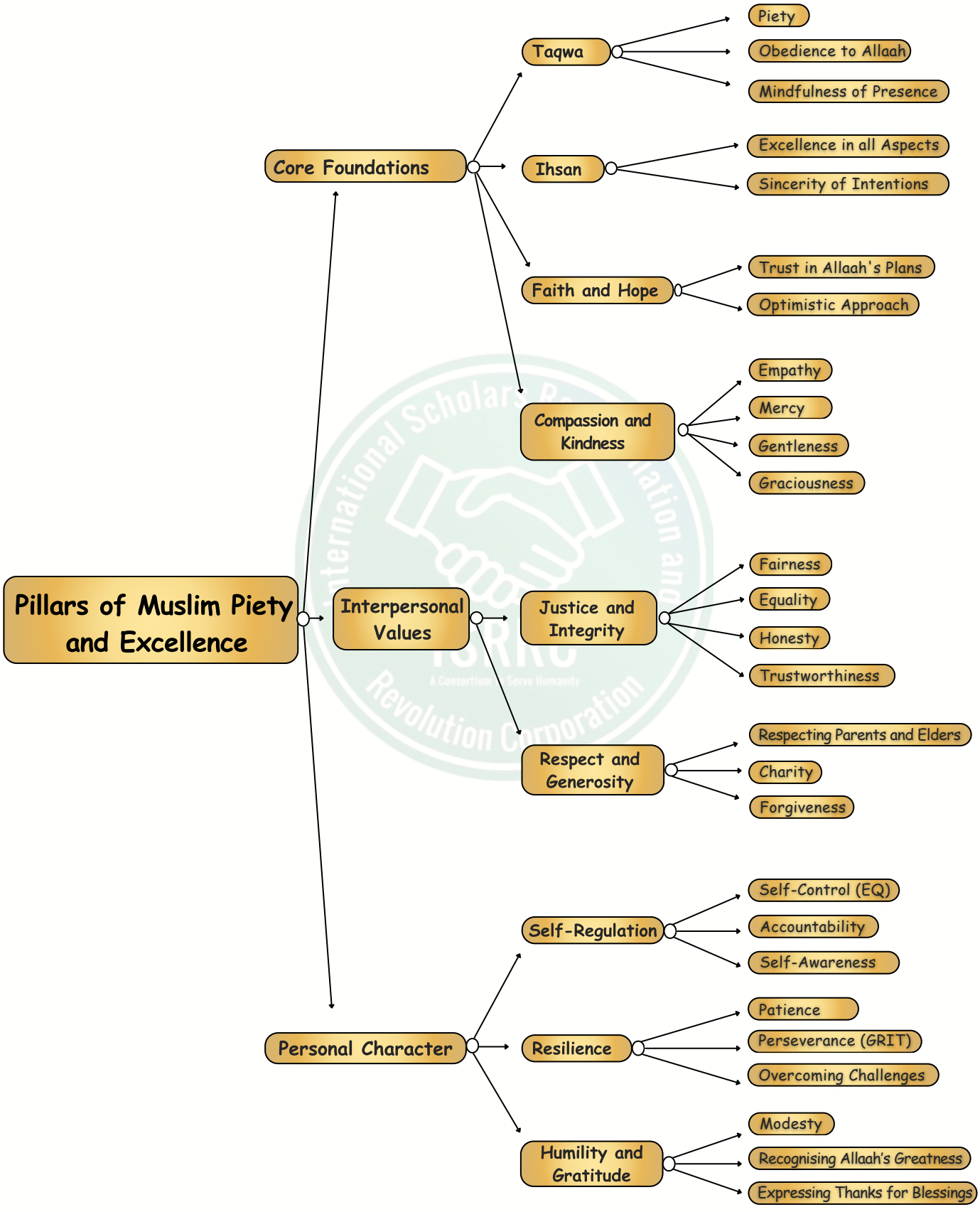

Chapter 4

OUR MISSION

وَقُل رَّبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

OUR MISSION

To live according to the teachings of Islam, promote its values and serve humanity while striving for personal growth, community development and a just society.

- **Faith Mission**

Spreading the message of Islam and promoting spiritual growth.

- **Community Mission**

Building and strengthening Muslim communities worldwide.

- **Social Mission**

Serving humanity and promoting social justice.

- **Education Mission**

Seeking knowledge and promoting Islamic education.

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- **Charity Mission**

Providing aid and support to those in need.

- **Environmental Mission**

Protecting the environment and promoting sustainability.

- **Economic Mission**

Promoting fair trade and economic justice.

- **Culture Mission**

Preserving and promoting Islamic culture and heritage.

- **Interfaith Mission**

Building bridges between faiths and promoting understanding. The goal is to come to common terms, especially with monotheistic faiths.

- **Youth Mission**

Empowering and guiding the next generation of Muslims.

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- **Family Mission**

Strengthening family bonds and promoting values.

- **Health Mission**

Promoting physical and mental well-being.

- **Human Rights Mission**

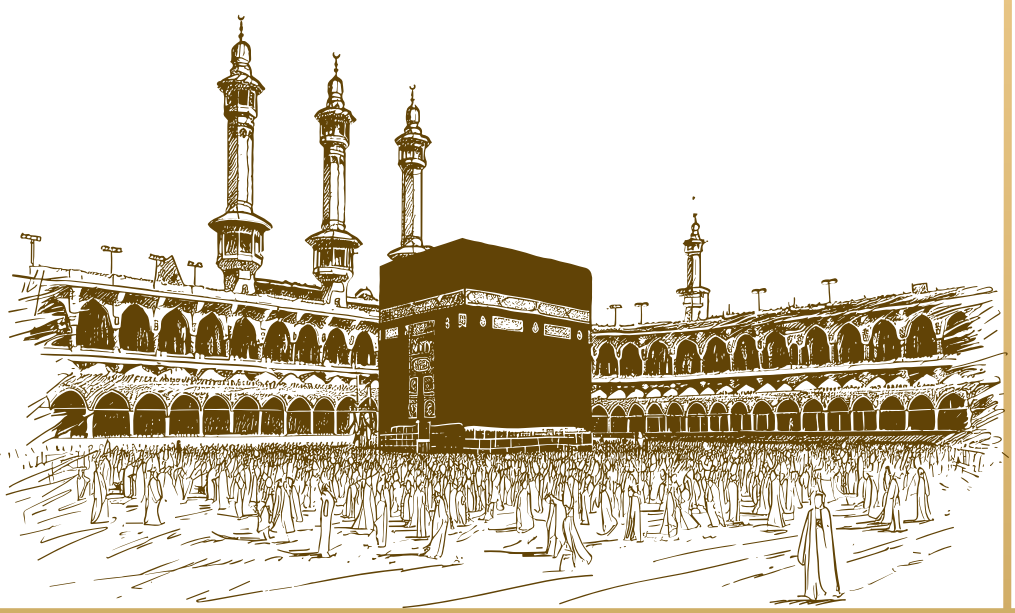
Advocating for human rights and dignity.

- **Peace Building Mission**

Promoting peace and resolving conflict.

- **Dawah Mission**

Invite others to Islam by your dealings and actions.



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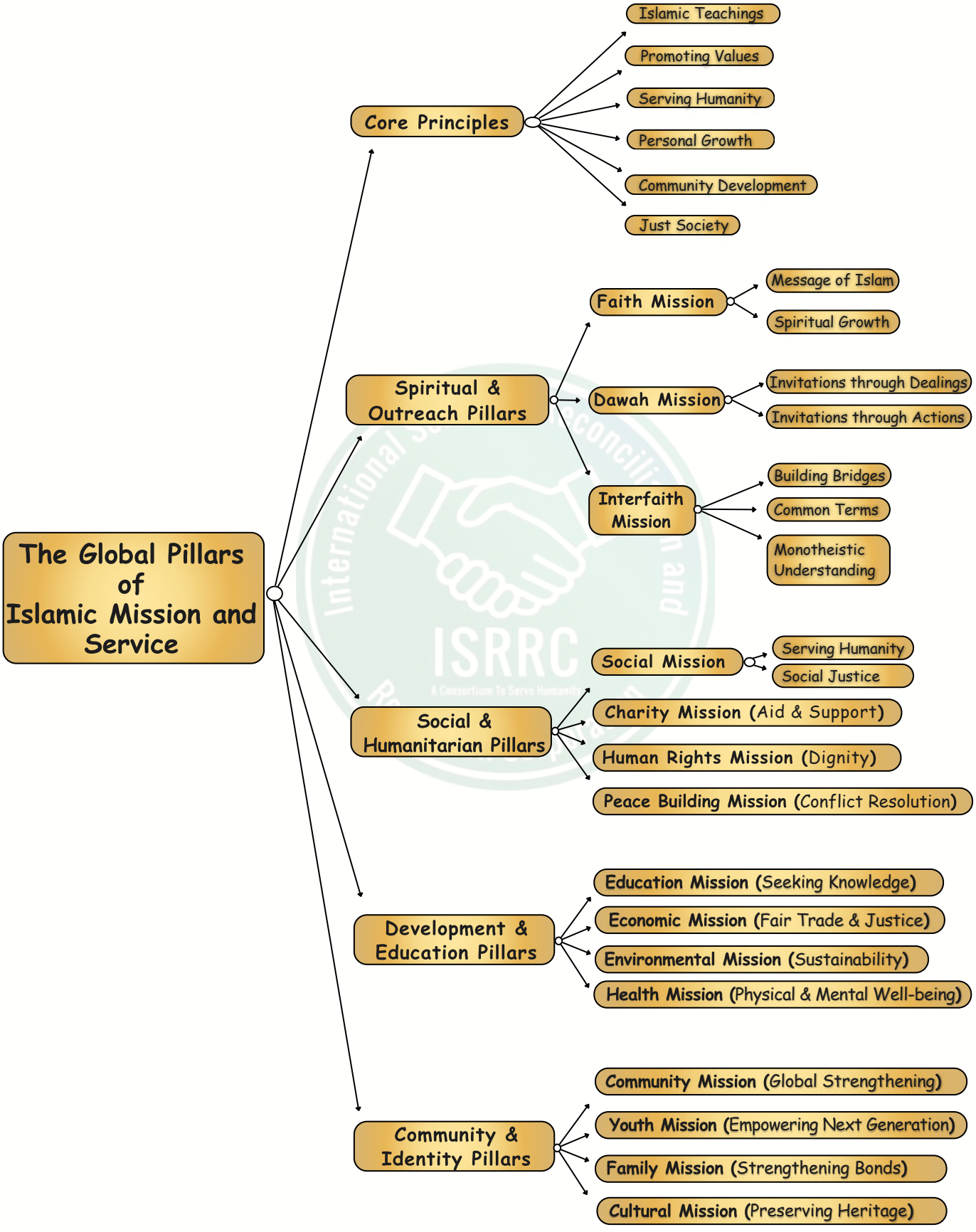

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OUR PRINCIPLES

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As Muslims, our principles are guided by the Quran and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

- **Tawhid**

The belief in one God, Allaah and that He is the sole Creator and Sustainer of the Universe.

- **Prophethood**

Belief in the prophets sent by Allaah, including Adam, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Them All), who guided humanity to the right path.

- **Revelation**

Belief in divine revelations, including the Quran, Torah, Psalms and the Gospel.

- **Accountability, Justice and Fairness**

Taking responsibility for one's actions and being accountable to Allaah.

- **Taqwa**

Living a life of piety and righteousness, being mindful of Allaah's presence and guidance.

- **Adab (Respect & Etiquette)**

Demonstrating respect, kindness and good manners in interactions with others.

- **Amanah (Trustworthiness)**

Being trustworthy, reliable and responsible in fulfilling obligations and commitments.

- **Sidq (Truthfulness & Honesty)**

Being honest, sincere and truthful in words and actions.

- **Sabr (Patience)**

Practicing patience, perseverance and self-control in the face of challenges and difficulties.

- **Shukr (Gratitude)**

Expressing gratitude and appreciation for Allaah's blessings and favors upon us.

- **Tawakkal (Reliance on Allaah)**

Trusting in Allaah's plans and provision, while taking necessary actions and precautions.

- **Brotherhood and Unity**

Fostering unity and brotherhood among Muslims and promoting harmony with others.

These principles serve as a foundation for Muslims to build their character, relationships and contributions to society. This will eventually build a strong sense of purpose, morality and spirituality.

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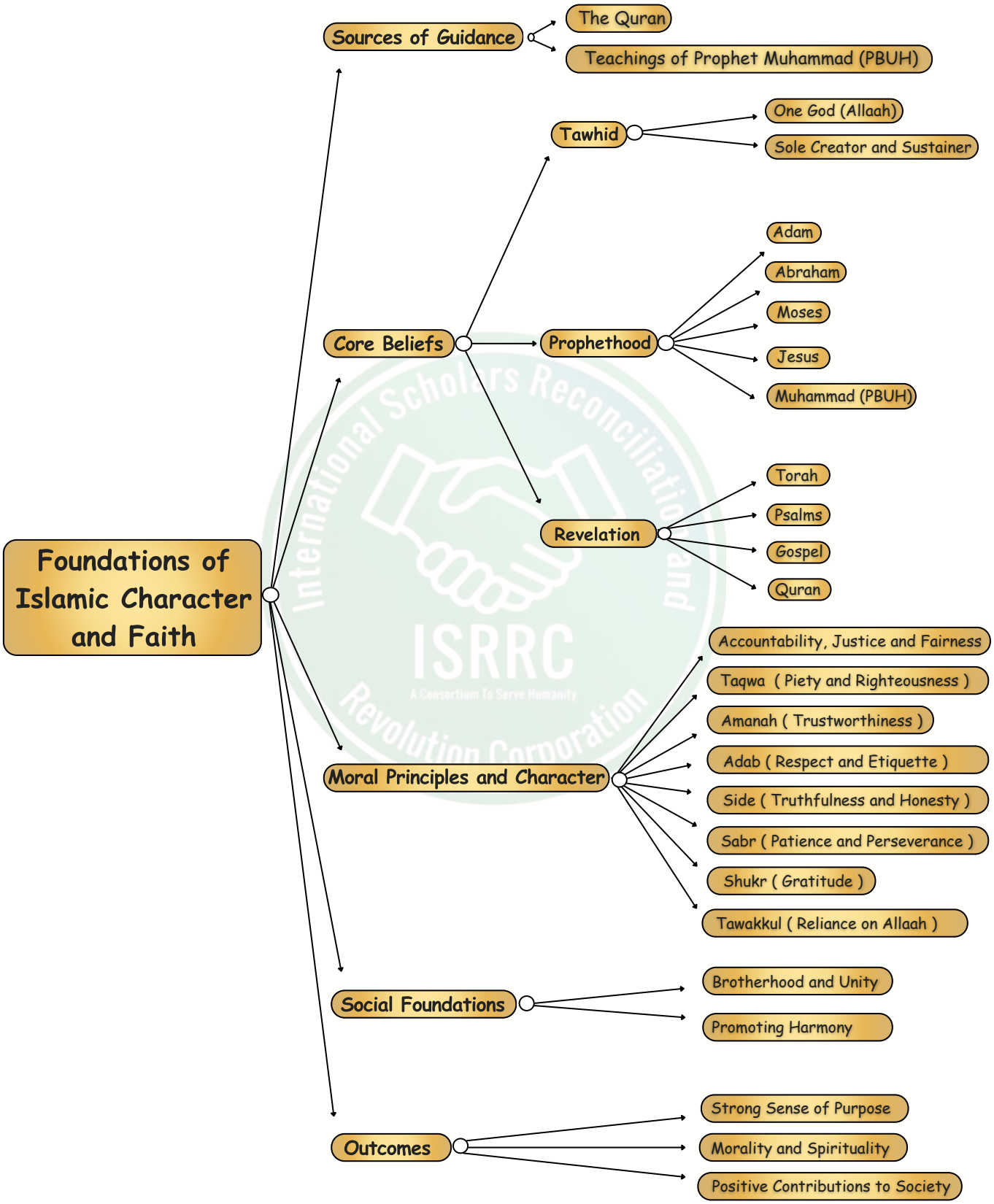

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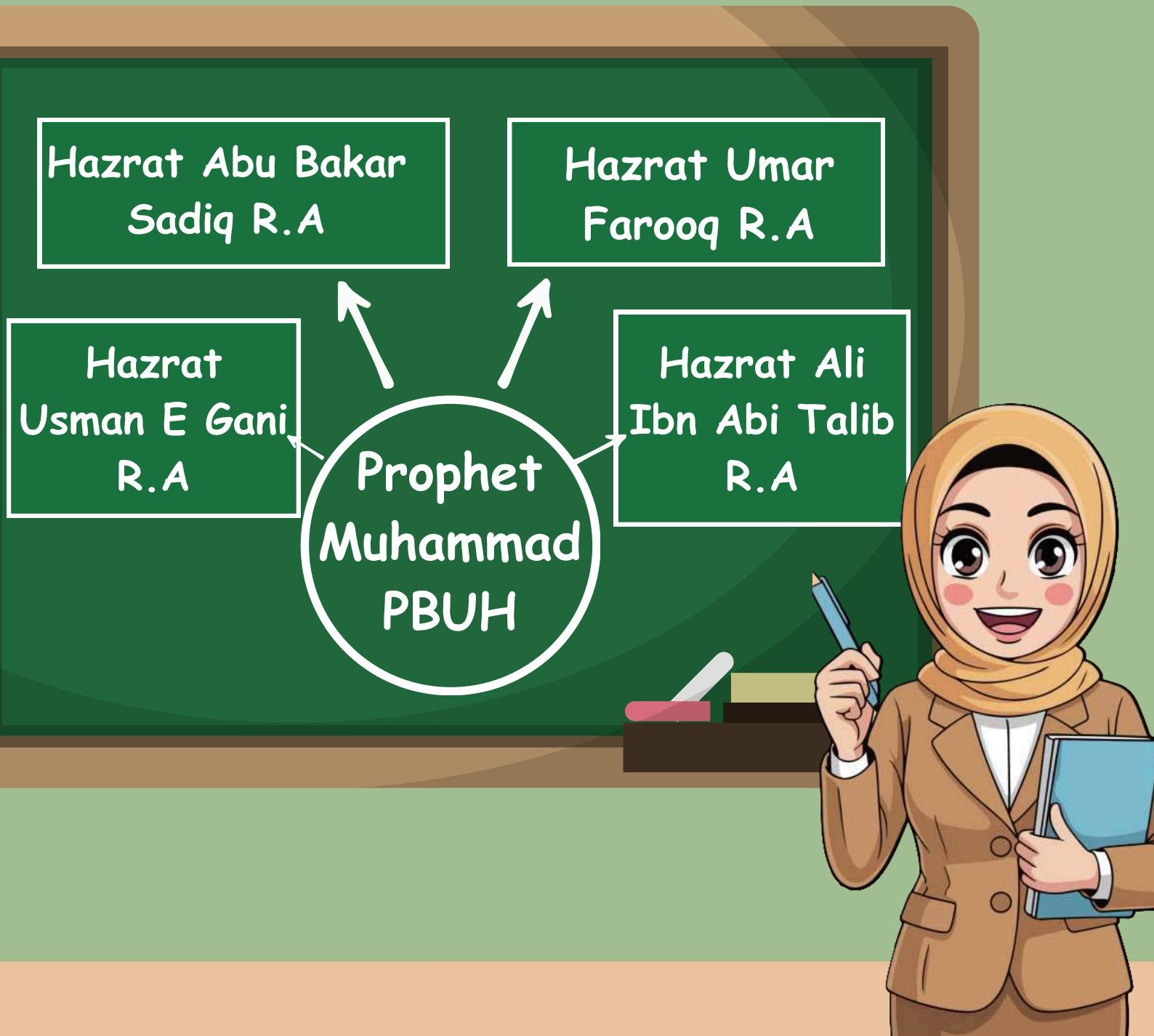
OUR ROLE MODELS



OUR ROLE MODELS

Our role models, as Muslims, are those chosen by Allaah whose lives guide us toward faith, character and purpose.

- **Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)**

The Ultimate Role Model for Muslims exemplifying compassion, honesty and integrity.

- **Prophets and Messengers Peace Be Upon Them All**

Guides and leaders sent by Allaah to convey His message.

- **Ahl al-Bayt (The Family of the Prophet PBUH)**

Family of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), embodying purity, knowledge, steadfastness and love for Justice as well as demonstrating faith, patience and sacrifice for the right cause.

- **Companions of the Prophet**

Sahabah, who demonstrated loyalty, sacrifice and dedication to Islam.

- **Scholars and Imams**

Respected individuals who provide guidance and interpretation of Islamic teachings.

- **Pious Predecessors**

Righteous individuals from Islamic history who exemplify faith and devotion.

- **Righteous Leaders**

Just and fair leaders who prioritize justice and compassion.

- **Community Leaders**

Individuals who serve and contribute to the well-being of their communities.

- **Defenders of Faith**

Individuals who stood firm in protecting Islam with courage, resilience and sacrifice.

- **Builders of Civilization**

Muslims who advanced society through contributions in knowledge, science, ethics and service, while remaining rooted in faith.

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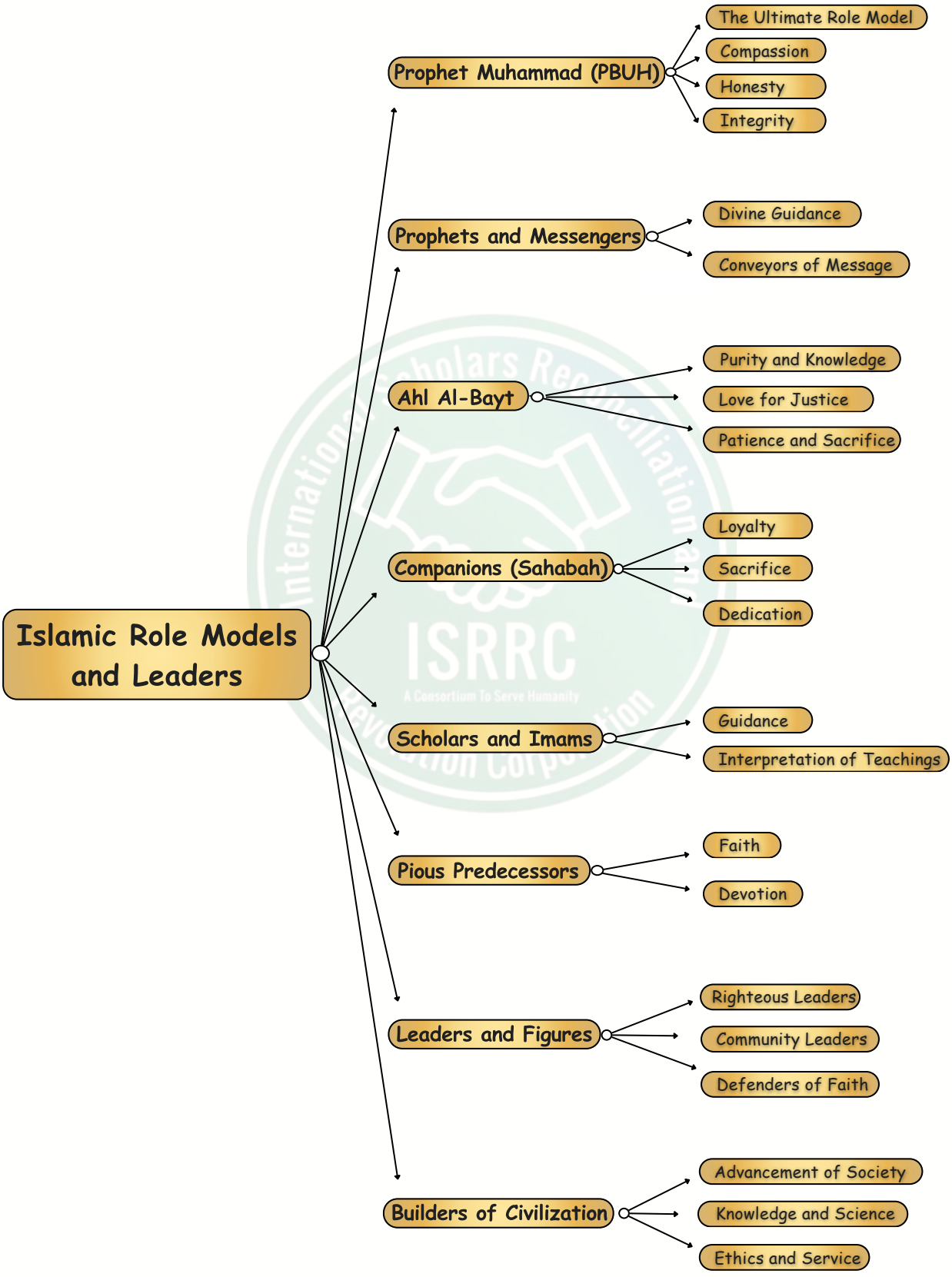

Chapter 7

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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Our responsibilities, as Muslims, are to live by the commands of Allaah and reflect His guidance in our daily actions and dealings.

- **Worship and Obedience**

Fulfilling obligations to Allaah, including prayer, fasting and charity.

- **Family and Relationships**

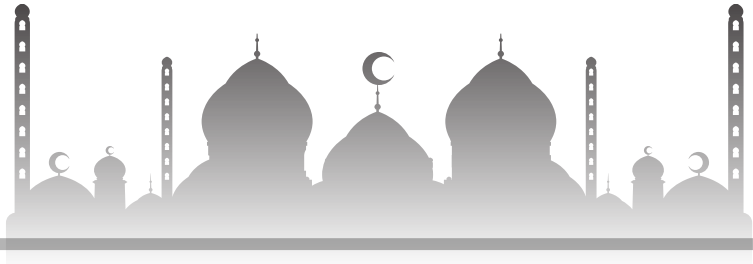
Nurturing and caring for family members and maintaining strong relationships.

- **Community Service**

Contributing to the well-being and development of the community.

- **Personal Growth**

Striving for self-improvement and spiritual growth.



- **Social Justice**

Promoting fairness, equality and justice in society.

- **Environmental Stewardship**

Protecting and preserving the natural environment.

- **Knowledge and Education**

Pursuing knowledge and understanding of Islam and the world.

- **Rights and Obligations**

Fulfilling rights and obligations towards Allaah, family and society.

- **Accountability**

Being accountable for one's actions and decisions.

- **Da'wah and Outreach**

Sharing Islamic teachings and values with others.

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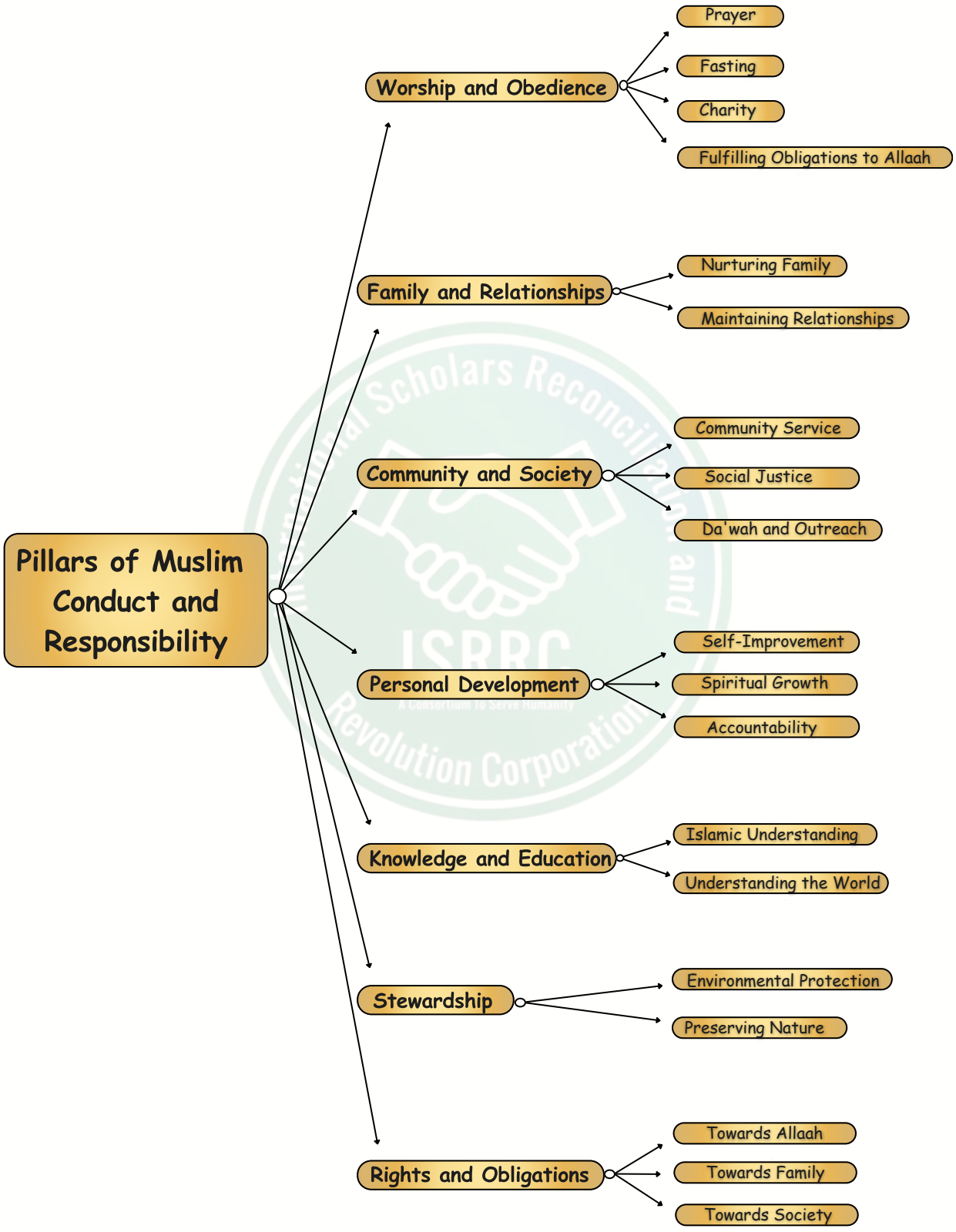

Chapter 8

OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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Our relationships, as Muslims, are built on compassion, justice and fulfilling the rights that Allaah has placed upon us.

- **Family Ties**

Nurturing and maintaining strong relationships with family members.

- **Community Bonds**

Building and strengthening relationships within the community.

- **Friendship**

Cultivating meaningful and supportive friendships.

- **Neighbourly Relations**

Being kind and respectful towards neighbors.

- **Engaging Across Faiths with Clarity**

Engage in interfaith discussions with firm conviction in Islam, speaking with wisdom and respect and if lacking knowledge, listen and learn without compromising Islamic principles.

- **Colleagues and Peer**

Maintaining professional and respectful relationships.

- **Mentorship**

Providing guidance and support to others.

- **Respect and Empathy**

Treating others with kindness, respect and understanding.

- **Conflict Resolution**

Resolving conflicts fairly and peacefully.

- **Building Bridges**

Fostering understanding and cooperation between different communities.

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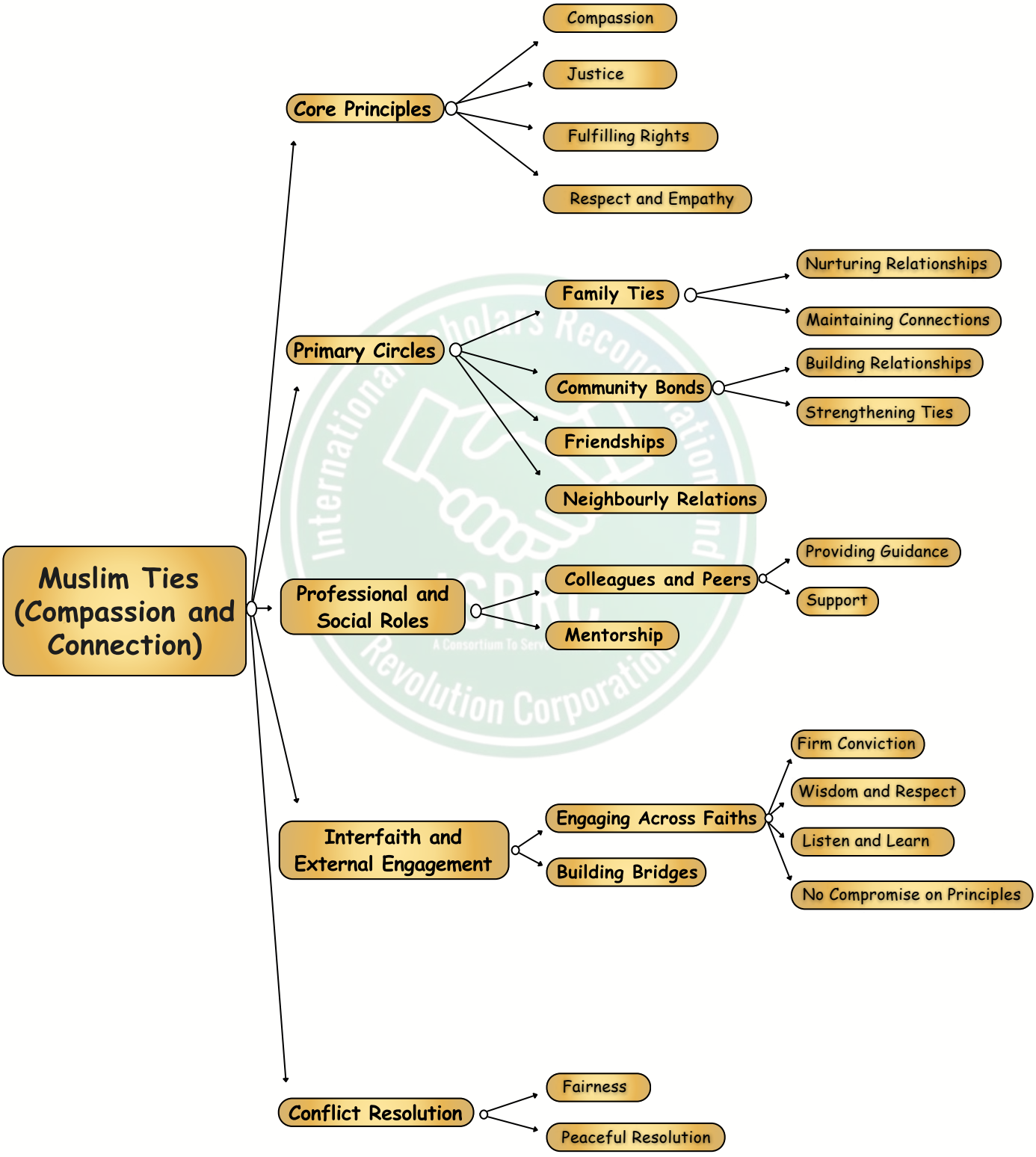
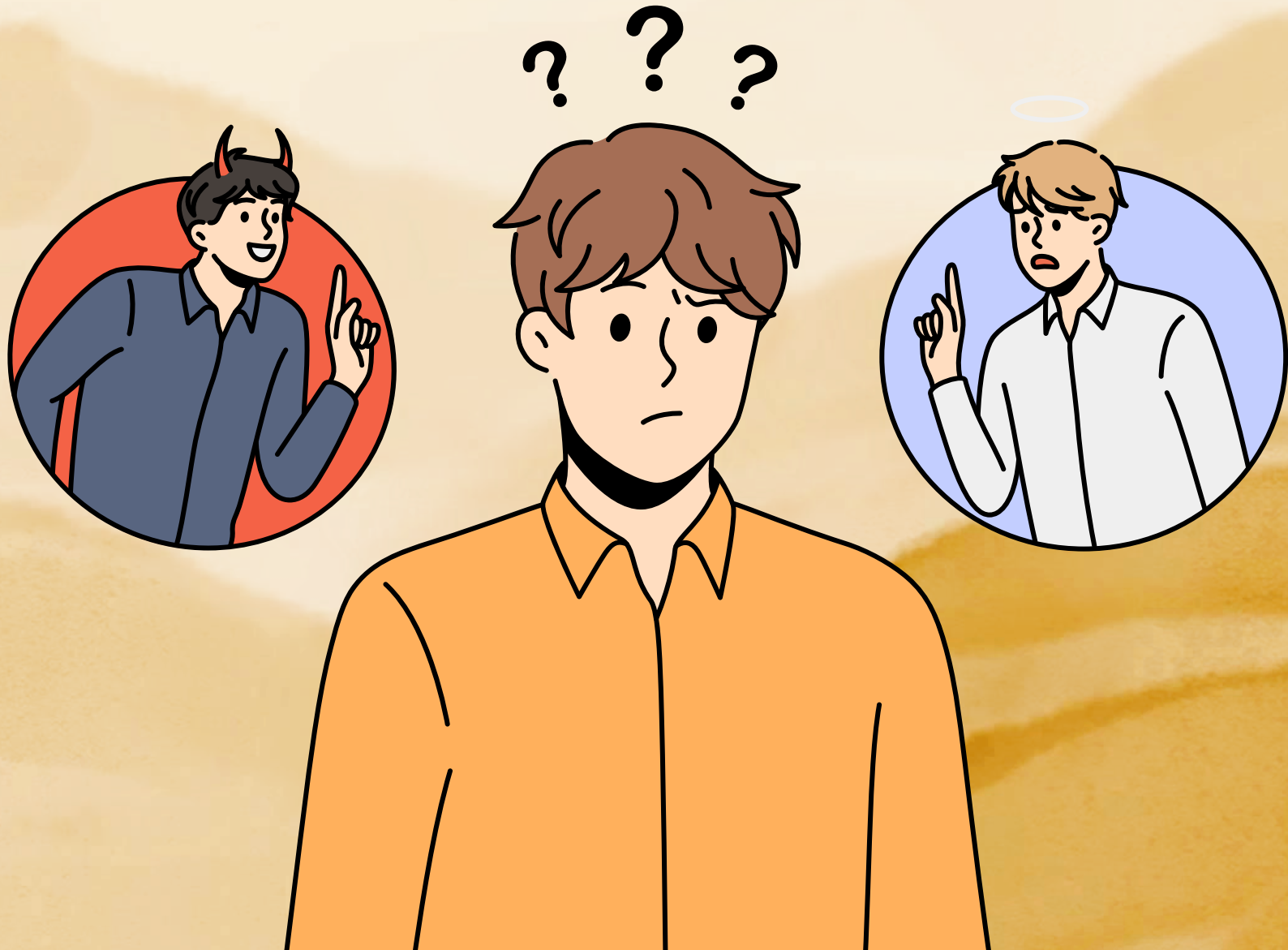


Chapter 9

OUR CHARACTER

What is the definition of being Good?

OBJECTIVE MORALITY VS SUBJECTIVE MORAILITY



OUR CHARACTER

Our character, as Muslims, reflects the teachings of Islam through honesty, patience and good conduct with all.

- **Honesty and Integrity**

Being truthful and trustworthy in words and actions.

- **Compassion and Empathy**

Showing kindness and understanding towards others.

- **Humility and Modesty**

Cultivating humility and modesty in behavior and interactions.

- **Patience and Perseverance**

Demonstrating resilience and determination in the face of challenges.

- **Justice and Fairness**

Promoting fairness and equality in all aspects of life.

- **Gratitude and Contentment**

Being thankful for Allaah's blessings and content with what one has.

- **Self-Control**

Managing one's emotions and desires responsibly.

- **Responsibility**

Taking ownership of one's actions and decisions.

- **Forgiveness and Mercy**

Showing mercy and forgiveness towards others.

- **Good Manners**

Demonstrating good character and etiquette in interactions with others.

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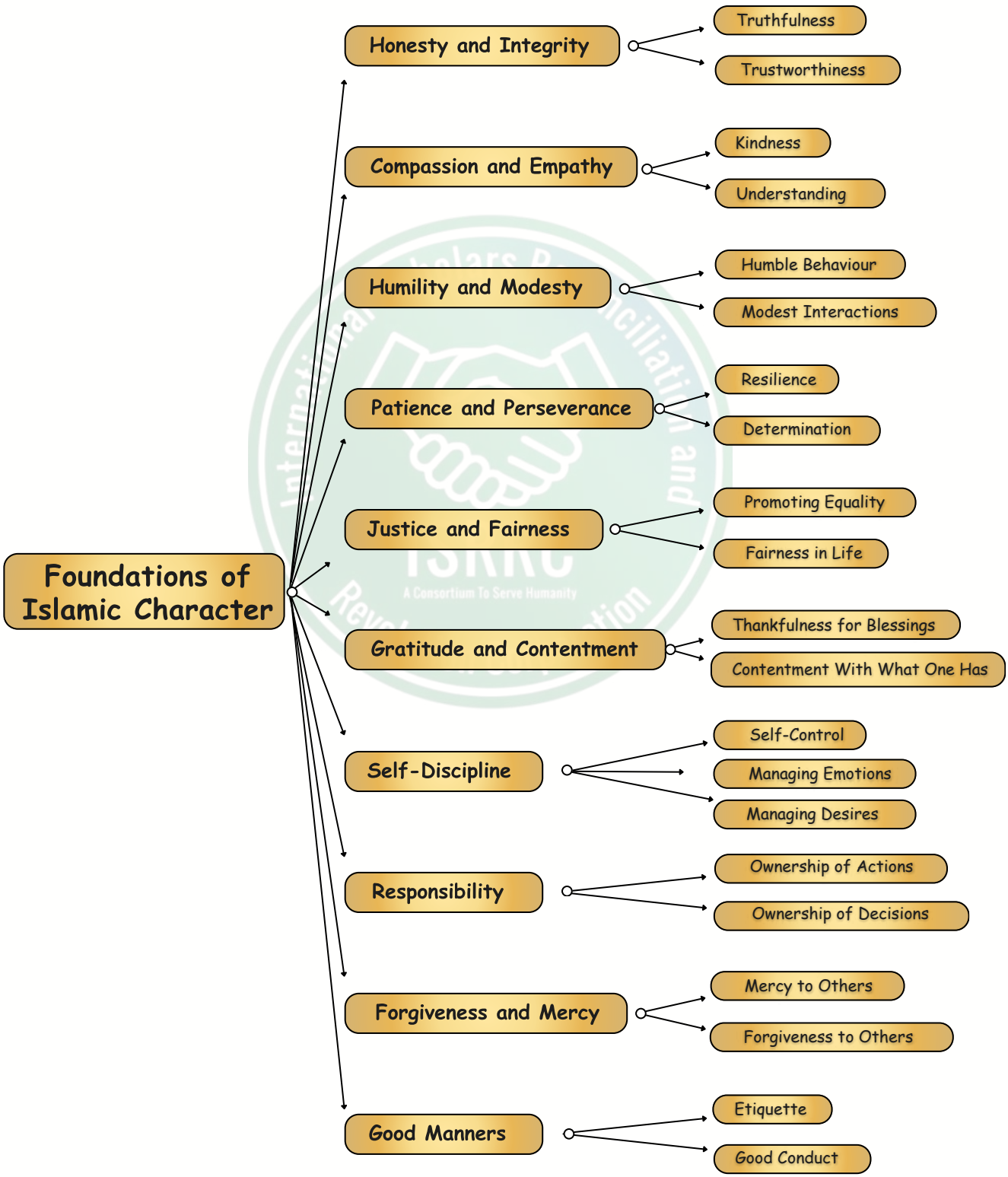

Chapter 10

OUR SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

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Our spiritual practices, as Muslims, connect us to Allaah through worship, remembrance and sincerity in faith.

- **Prayer (Salah)**

Performing the five daily prayers and other supererogatory prayers.

- **Fasting (Sawm)**

Observing fasting during Ramadan and other recommended fasts.

- **Charity (Zakat and Sadaqah)**

Giving charity and supporting those in need.

- **Recitation of the Quran**

Reading and reflecting on the Quran.

- **Dhikr and Dua**

Remembering Allaah and making supplications.

- **Tawbah and Istighfar**

Seeking forgiveness and repenting from sins.

- **Spiritual Reflection**

Reflecting on one's actions and spiritual growth.

- **Gratitude and Praise**

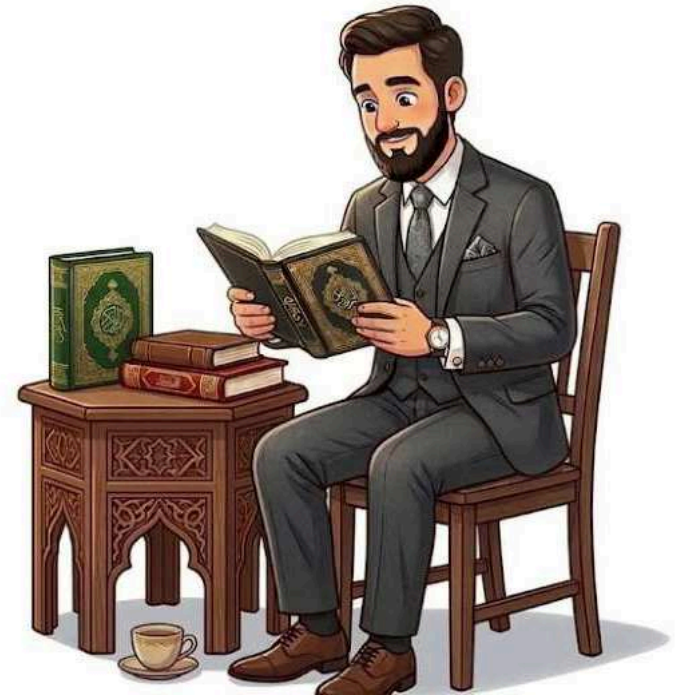
Expressing gratitude and praise to Allaah.

- **Seeking Knowledge**

Pursuing knowledge and understanding of Islam.

- **Spiritual Growth**

Striving for spiritual growth and self-improvement.



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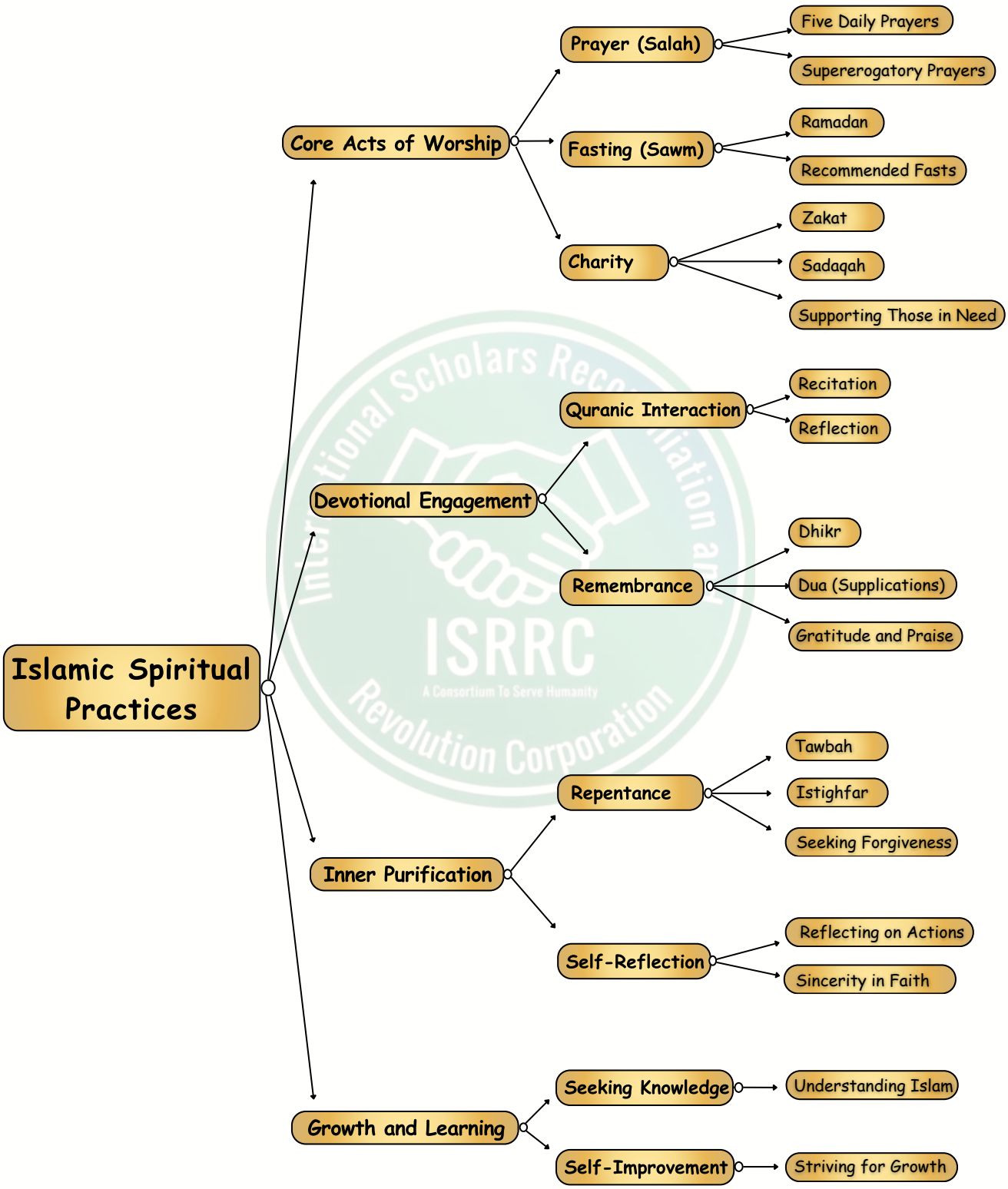

Chapter 11

OUR COMMUNITY

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Our community practices, as Muslims, strengthen unity, brotherhood and collective responsibility in serving Allaah and humanity.

- **Unity and Brotherhood**

Fostering unity and brotherhood among community members.

- **Support and Care**

Providing support and care for community members in need.

- **Community Service**

Contributing to the well-being and development of the community.

- **Diversity and Inclusion**

Embracing diversity and promoting inclusion within the community.

- **Education and Awareness**

Promoting Islamic knowledge and awareness within the community.

- **Social Responsibility**

Encouraging community members to take responsibility for their actions.

- **Community Events**

Organizing events and activities that bring the community together.

- **Youth Development**

Nurturing and developing the skills and talents of young community members.

- **Intergenerational Connection**

Fostering connections and understanding between different age groups.

- **Community Outreach**

Engaging with and serving the broader community.

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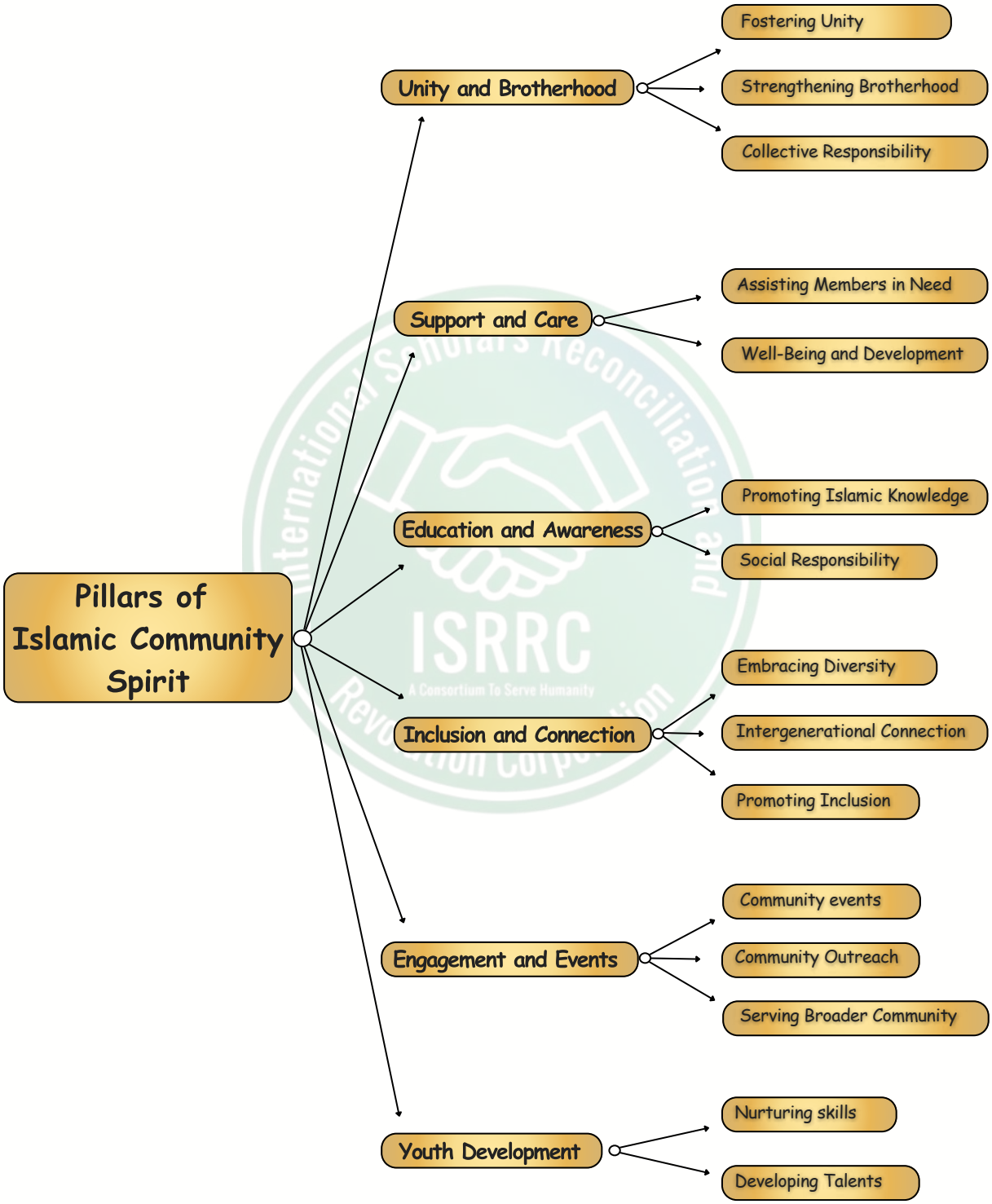

Chapter 12

OUR PERSONAL GROWTH

OUR PERSONAL GROWTH JOURNEY

Our personal growth journey, as Muslims, is about striving to purify the heart, gain knowledge and draw closer to Allaah each day.

- **Self-Reflection**

Regularly reflecting on one's actions and spiritual growth.

- **Goal Setting**

Setting and working towards personal and spiritual goals.

- **Seeking Knowledge**

Pursuing knowledge and understanding of Islam and the world.

- **Self-Improvement**

Striving to improve one's character and behaviour.

- **Patience and Perseverance**

Developing patience and perseverance in the face of challenges.

- **Gratitude and Contentment**

Cultivating gratitude and contentment with what one has.

- **Mindfulness**

Being mindful of one's thoughts, words and actions.

- **Emotional Intelligence**

Developing emotional intelligence and self-awareness.

- **Resilience**

Building resilience and coping with adversity.

- **Spiritual Growth**

Striving for spiritual growth and closeness to Allaah.

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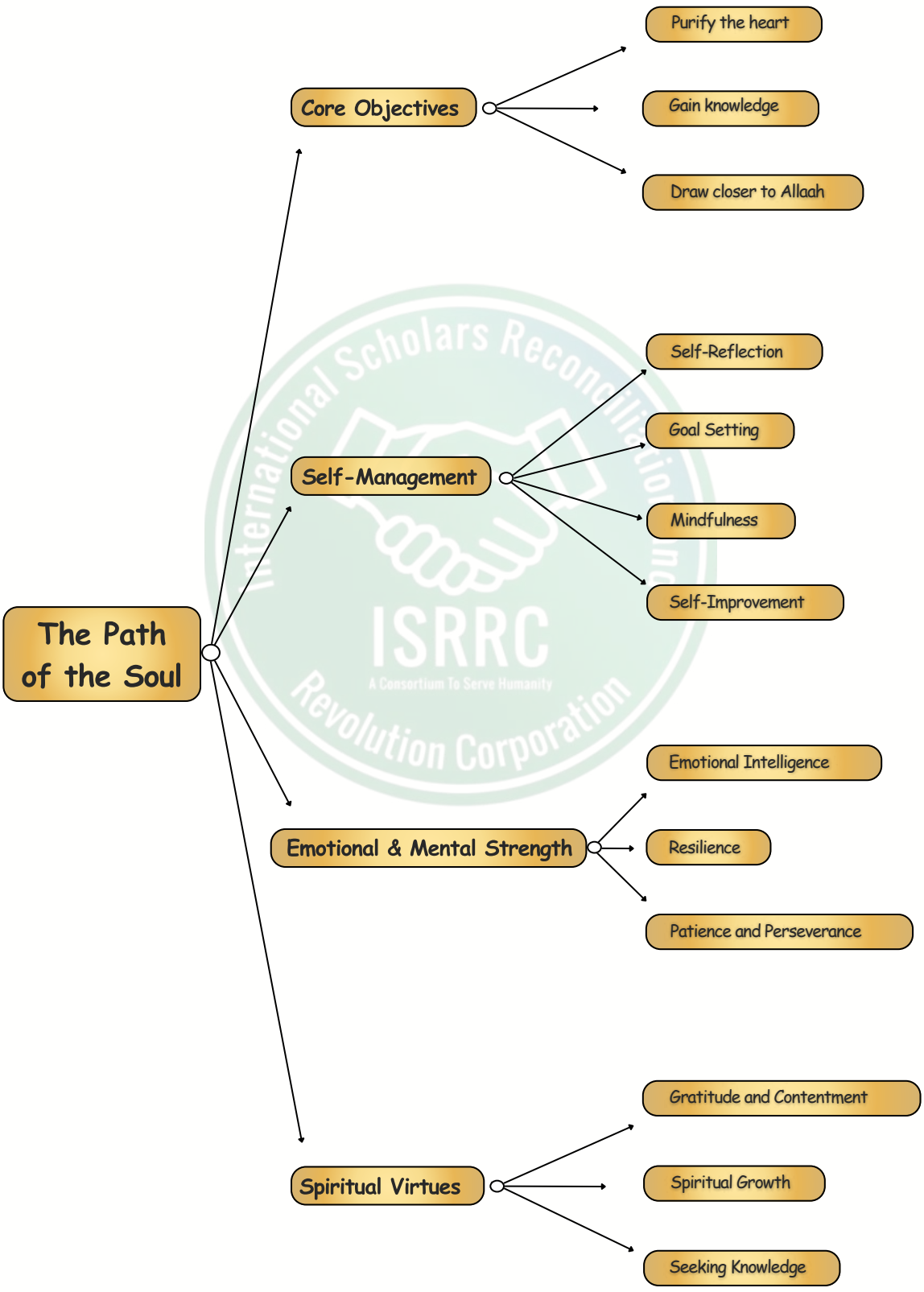

Chapter 13

OUR CHALLENGES

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Our challenges, as Muslims, test our faith and patience while reminding us to stay steadfast on the path of Allaah.

- **Balancing Worldly and Spiritual Life**

Finding a balance between worldly responsibilities and spiritual obligations.

- **Overcoming Adversity**

Coping with and overcoming challenges and difficulties.

- **Maintaining Faith**

Strengthening and maintaining faith in the face of trials.

- **Dealing with Doubts**

Addressing and resolving doubts and uncertainties.

- **Managing Time**

Managing time effectively to prioritize spiritual and worldly responsibilities.

- **Avoiding Negative Influences**

Avoiding negative influences and staying focused on positive goals.

- **Building Resilience**

Developing resilience and coping with stress and adversity.

- **Seeking Support**

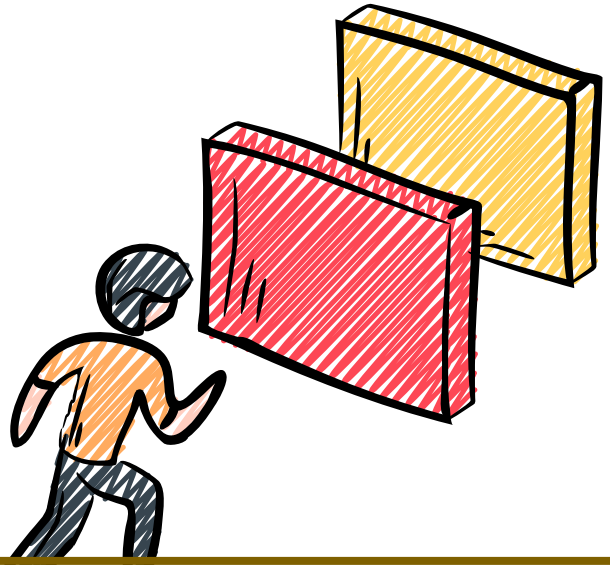
Seeking support and guidance from others when needed.

- **Persevering through Trials**

Persevering through trials and difficulties with patience and faith.

- **Staying Motivated**

Staying motivated and focused on personal and spiritual goals.



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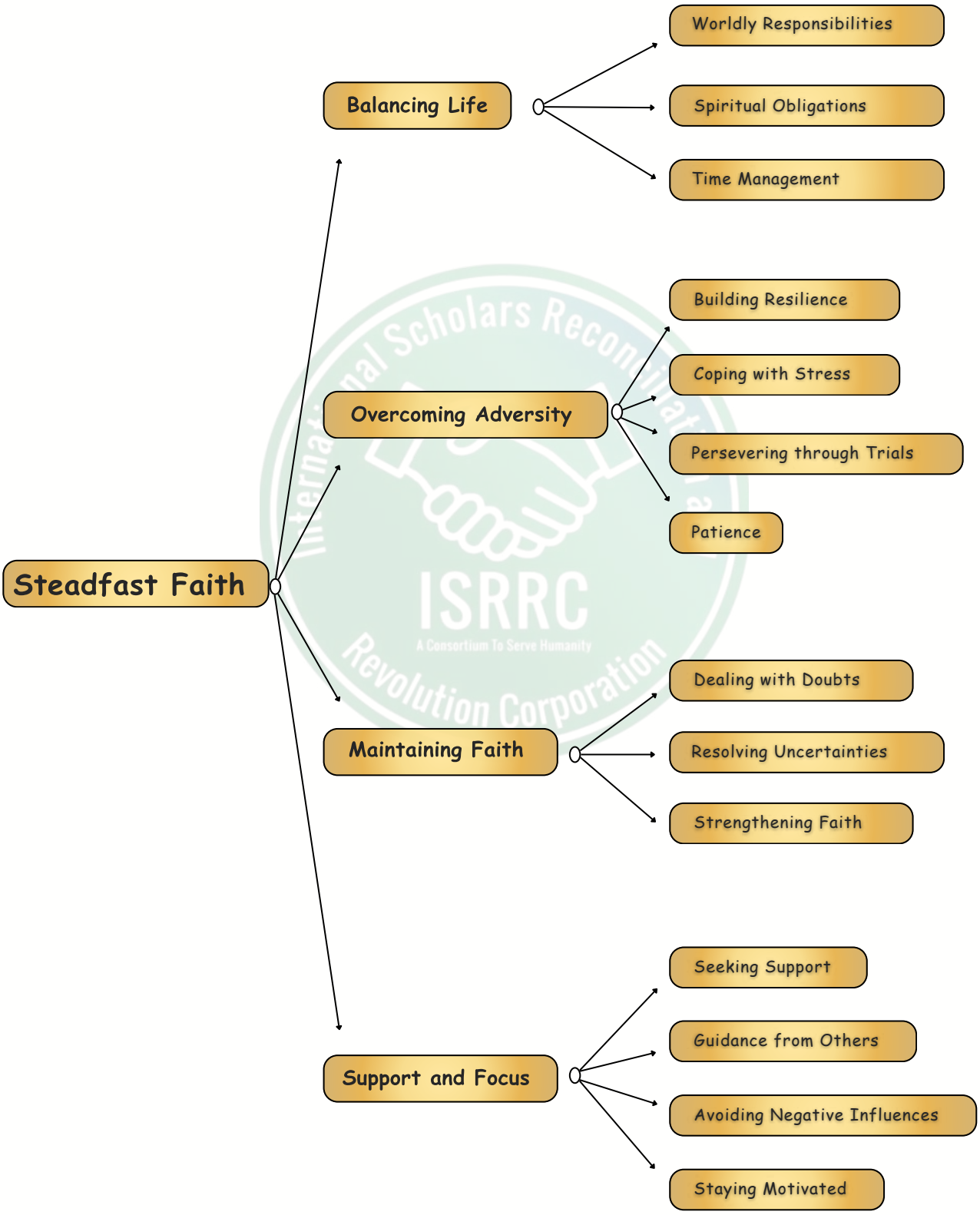

Chapter 14

OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

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Our contribution, as Muslims, is to serve humanity with justice, kindness and efforts that reflect the values of Islam.

- **Community Service**

Contributing to the well-being and development of the community.

- **Charity and Giving**

Giving charity and supporting those in need.

- **Knowledge Sharing**

Sharing knowledge and expertise with others.

- **Volunteering**

Volunteering time and skills to benefit others.

- **Social Justice**

Promoting fairness and equality in society.

- **Environmental Stewardship**

Protecting and preserving the natural environment.

- **Mentorship**

Providing guidance and support to others.

- **Da'wah and Outreach**

Sharing Islamic teachings and values with others.

- **Supporting Causes**

Supporting causes that align with Islamic values.

- **Making a Positive Impact**

Striving to make a positive impact in the world.

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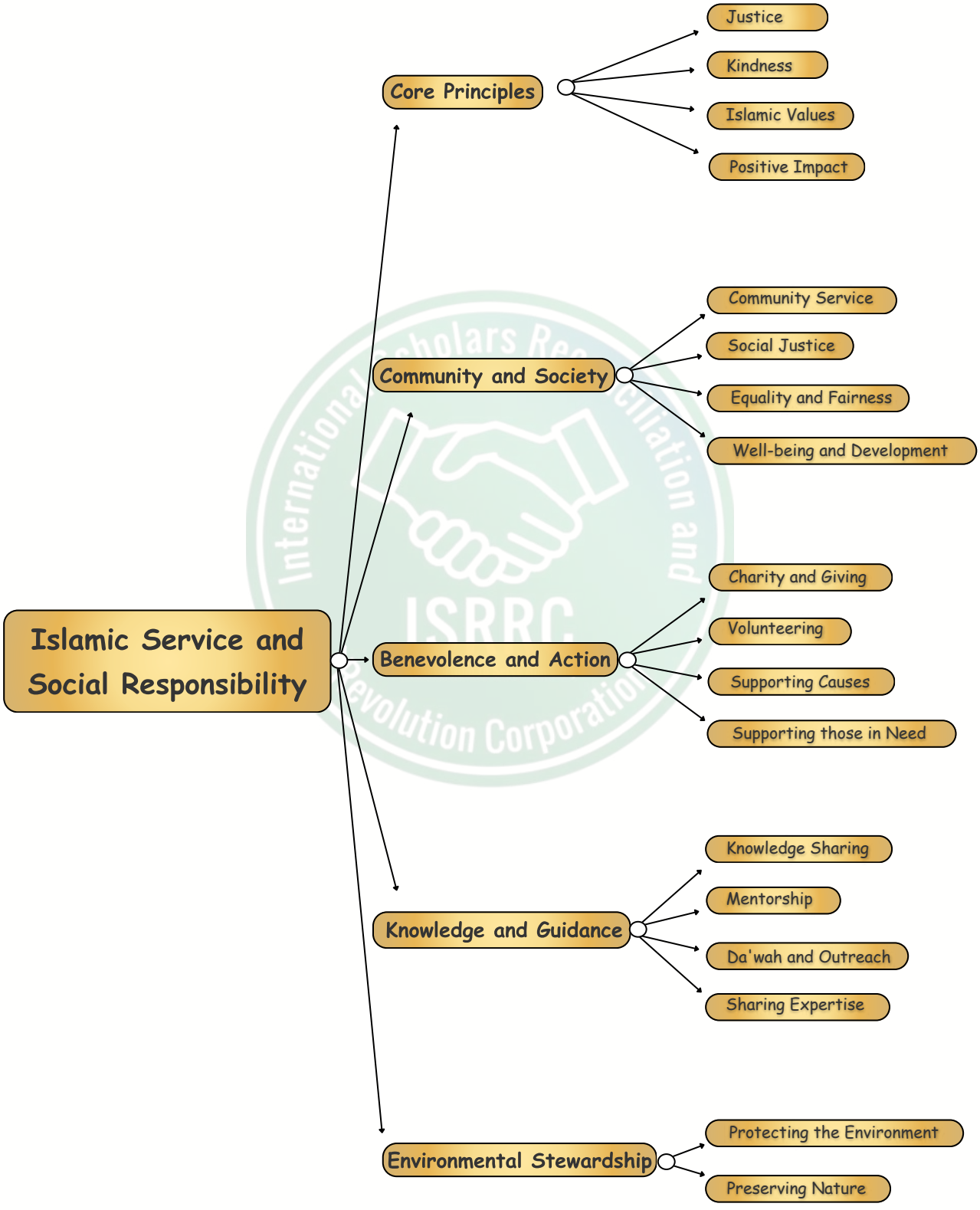

Chapter 15

OUR HERITAGE

Celebrate Heritage

OUR HERITAGE

Our heritage, as Muslims, is a legacy of faith, knowledge and civilization that continues to inspire and guide the world.

- **Islamic History**

Appreciating and learning from Islamic history and heritage.

- **Prophetic Traditions**

Following and emulating the traditions and practices of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

- **Islamic Scholarship**

Valuing and respecting Islamic scholarship and knowledge.

- **Cultural Heritage**

Preserving and appreciating Islamic cultural heritage.

- **Family and Community Ties**

Nurturing and maintaining strong family and community ties.

- **Islamic Values**

Upholding and promoting Islamic values and principles.

- **Legacy of the Prophets**

Learning from and emulating the legacies of the prophets.

- **Islamic Art and Architecture**

Appreciating and preserving Islamic art and architecture.

- **Islamic Literature**

Valuing and studying Islamic literature and poetry.

- **Preserving Islamic Identity**

Preserving and promoting Islamic identity and culture.

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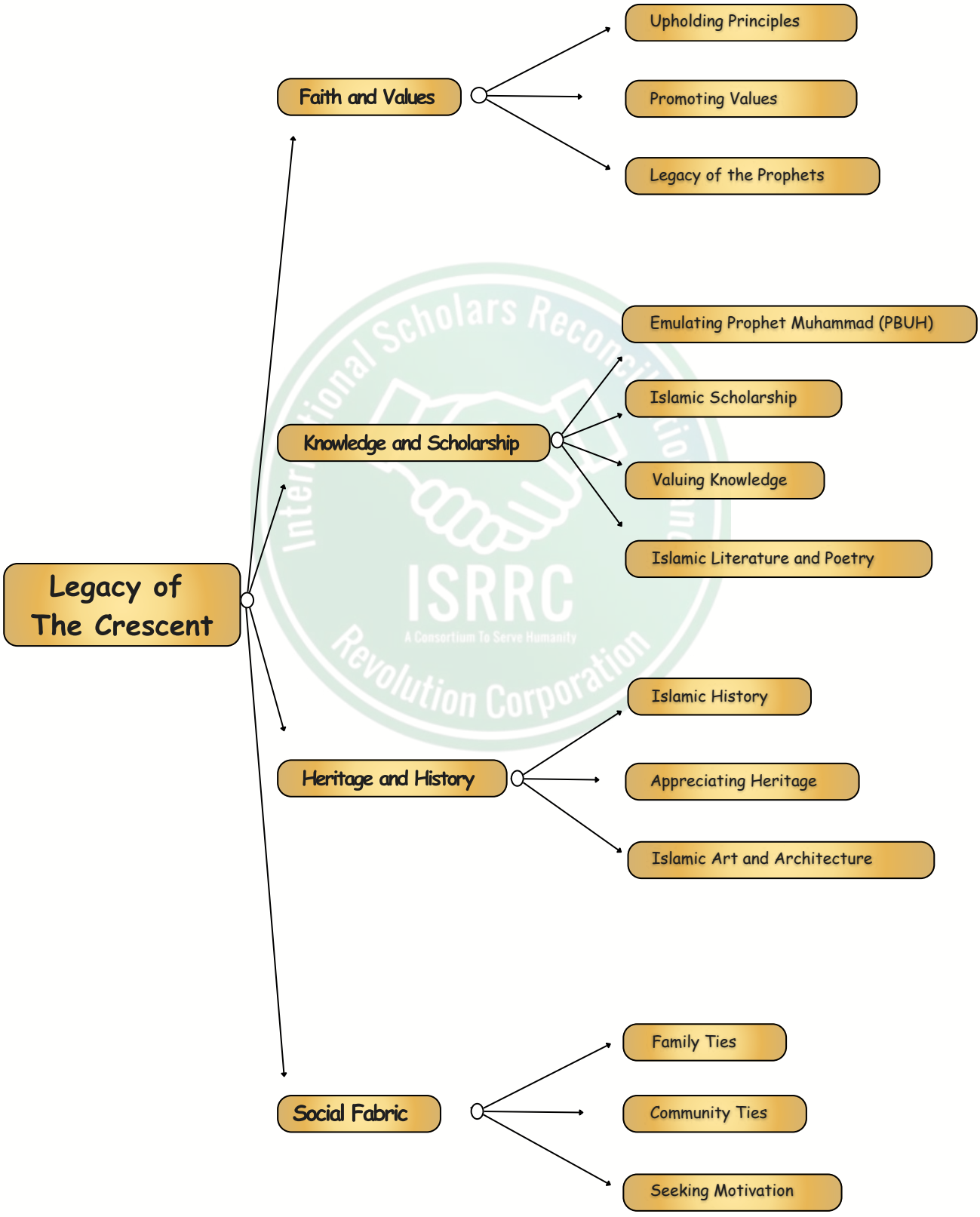

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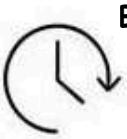
SIMPLE MANNERS

THAT MAKE THE WORLD KINDER

Push your chair in, leave things how you found them



Be on time, lateness signals disrespect

Always RSVP, respect others' time and plans

Listen more than you talk

Greet everyone when you enter a room

Mind your phone, give real people your attention

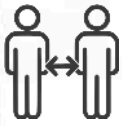
Never show up **empty-handed**

Use kind words and practice patience, tone and manners matter

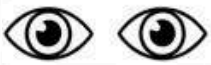
Look at people when they talk, eye contact = respect

Eat sensibly and avoid excess, share food and it will suffice

Think Positively, maintain hope in Allaah and keep good expectations



Respect personal space, do not stand too close to others unnecessarily.



Do not look at someone in a way that creates inconvenience for them

Clean up your mess wherever you are, at home, at work or anywhere else

Learn names, remembering shows you care

Earn honestly and seek lawful income

Spend wisely and be generous with what you have

Say thank you, appreciation costs nothing

Smile often, it is contagious in the best way

Behave Decently and respond to harm with patience and kindness when possible

TRANSFORM HEARTS CHANGE THE WORLD

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دین اسلام
SYSTEM OF LIFE

SEAL OF PROPHETHOOD- MUHAMMAD ﷺ

True success lies in shaping every aspect of life according to the Seerah of the Prophet ﷺ .

LIFE OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ PRACTICES OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ

The Prophet ﷺ said: "I was sent to perfect the highest standards of moral character"

MONOTHEISTIC FAITH - ONENESS OF GOD

Reforming One's Faith: Nurturing a Deep Bond with Allaah SWT .

1) MORAL VIRTUES / ETHICAL PRINCIPLES / INNER DISPOSITION
(Thoughts,Emotions & Intentions)

Holy Quran

Nearly 80% of the Qur'an emphasises the concept of Tawheed (the Oneness of Allaah).

B) TERRESTRIAL MATTERS

7) POLITICAL AWARENESS

- Leadership
- Mentorship
- Righteous Governance
- Sacred Trust
- Responsibilities of the Nation

6) FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

- Financial and Commercial Dealings (Personal & Professional)

5) SOCIAL CONDUCT/ INTERACTIONS / CONSUETUDE / HABITS

- Nurturing Knowledge and Guidance

Uphold rights with justice and fairness, ensuring that no soul suffers oppression.

4) INTERPERSONAL DEALINGS / SOCIAL INTERACTIONS / TRANSACTIONS

- Divine Rights
- Human Rights

A person who remains true to his word, upright in conduct, and distinguished by honesty, integrity, truthfulness and God-conciousness.

A) CELESTIAL MATTERS

3) ACTS OF WORSHIP

Prayers

Fasting

Zakaat

Hajj

2)TENETS OF FAITH

Iman-e-Mujmal (Summary Creed)

a) Half of faith lies in the purification of the spirit.

Iman-e-Mufassal (Comprehensive Creed)

b) Half of faith lies in the purification of the physical self .

THE COMPREHENSIVE MUSLIM ROADMAP

THE CODE OF FAITH IN ALLAAH

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02 Angels
03 Scriptures
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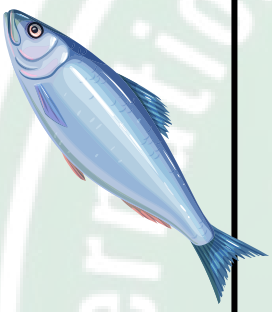
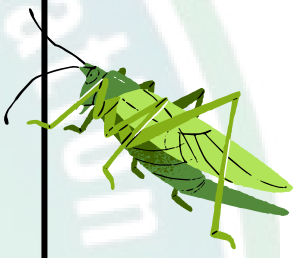
THE CODE OF HALAL FOOD:





1. Halal animals slaughtered in the name of Allaah
2. Birds, which do not hunt or prey
3. Herbivorous animal excluding (Pigs & Boars)
4. Fish, Grass Hoppers
5. Eggs of all Halal birds

EMINENT SCHOLARS OF ISLAM

1. The Companions
2. The Successors
3. Theorists of islam
4. Eminent Traditionists
5. Commentator on Quran

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THE FAMILY TREE

HUSBAND

Men are the protectors and maintainers of women because Allaah has given one more (strength) than the other and because they support them from their means.

(Surah An-Nisā 4:34)

PROTECT FAMILY

LEAD THE FAMILY

PROVIDE FOR FAMILY

WIFE

So righteous women are devoutly obedient [to Allaah and to their husbands], guarding in their husband's absence what Allah would have them guard.

(Surah An-Nisā 4:34)

COMFORT

TEACH THE DEEN

NURTURE

CHILDREN

And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him and that you show kindness to your parents. If one or both of them attain old age with you, say not to them even 'uff' (a word of disrespect), nor repel them, but speak to them a noble word. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, 'My Lord, have mercy upon them as they raised me when I was small.

(Surah Al-Isrā 17:23-24)

OBEY & LOVE PARENTS

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FRAMEWORK OF HOW TO REBUILD A TRIBE OR A NATION

1) Parents

a) Re-establish homes as sanctuaries of love, faith and discipline

b) Model humility, patience and worship as daily practices, not lectures.

c) Engage children in conversations about purpose, identity and gratitude.

2) Teachers

a) Reconnect education with purpose and akhlaq (ethics).

b) Train teachers to blend academic excellence with spiritual mentorship.

c) Re-establish the link between knowledge (ilm) and action (amal).

3) Scholars

a) Empower scholars to preach authentic knowledge without fear or bias.

b) Rebuild trust between scholars and the youth through accessibility and relevance.

c) Promote scholarship that integrates classical Islamic thought with contemporary understanding.

4) Businessmen

a) Revive the Sunnah of honest trade and trust-based business practices.

b) Encourage business leaders to see wealth as an amanah (trust), not an entitlement.

c) Align entrepreneurship with social responsibility and spiritual accountability.

THE JOURNEY OF HUMAN REFORM

From Thoughts to Perseverance

Reformation of Actions is Impossible without First Rectifying One's Thoughts and Intentions.

"The Worth of Deeds Depends Upon Intentions."

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OUR PLEDGE

With Allaah as my witness:

1. I pledge to live as a true Muslim.
2. I will honour my vision and keep my purpose clear.
3. I will live by the values of Islam and follow its principles with sincerity.
4. I will take my role models as inspiration and accept my responsibilities with courage.
5. I will build meaningful relationships, protect my character and stay firm in my spiritual practices.
6. I will grow on my personal journey, face my challenges with patience and contribute to my community with service.
7. I will never forget my heritage, and I will strive to leave behind a legacy of faith, honor and contribution.

This is my identity.
This is my path.
This is my commitment to Allaah, myself, my family and the Ummah as a whole.

In Islamic teachings, personal development is a sacred duty that aligns the soul, mind and actions with divine purpose. It is through self-reflection, knowledge and moral refinement that a believer grows closer to Allaah and complies with their potential as His khalifah (vicegerent) on earth. True progress in Islam begins with inner transformation, leading to excellence (Ihsan) in every aspect of life.

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EMPHASIS ON PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH QURAN

1) SEEKING KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is a means of elevation and distinction substantiated by Quran in the following verse.
"He raises those among you who believe and those who have been given knowledge, by degrees." **Surah Al-Mujadilah (58:11)**

True effort in learning and self-improvement invites divine guidance. "Say, 'Are those who know equal to those who do not know?' Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding." **Surah Az-Zumar (39:9)**

2) SELF-REFLECTION

The Qur'an calls for introspection, both external and internal. "And on the earth are signs for those who are certain and within yourselves. Do you not then see?" **Surah Adh-Dhariyat (51:20–21)**

"And they say, 'If only we had listened or reasoned, we would not be among the companions of the Blaze.'" **Surah Al-Mulk (67:10)**

The ultimate verse of self-responsibility and transformation. "Indeed, Allaah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves." **Surah Ar-Ra'd (13:11)**

3) GROWTH THROUGH TESTS

Challenges are pathways to purification and strength.
"And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient." **Surah Al-Baqarah (2:155)**

Tests refine character and faith.
"Do you think that you will enter Paradise while such trial has not yet come to you as came to those who passed on before you?" **Surah Al-Baqarah (2:214)**

4) LEARNING FROM OTHERS

A commitment to lifelong learning is rooted in seeking expert guidance. This principle rightly recognizes the value of scholars and others who cultivate wisdom and perceive truth through continuous learning. "And those who have been given knowledge see that what is revealed to you from your Lord is the truth." **Surah Saba' (34:6)**

"So ask the people of knowledge if you do not know." **Surah An-Nahl (16:43) and Surah Al-Anbiya (21:7)**

5) PURPOSE AND SELF DEVELOPMENT

Life itself is designed as a personal development process. "He who created death and life to test you as to which of you is best in deed." **Surah Al-Mulk (67:2)**

Self-purification is personal growth in its highest form. "And whoever purifies himself only purifies himself for the benefit of his soul." **Surah Fatir (35:18)**

Nobility through inner excellence, not external rank. "Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allaah is the most righteous of you." **Surah Al-Hujurat (49:13)**

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT VERSES

(SELF-DISCIPLINE, REFLECTION, GROWTH AND PURPOSE)

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2	Al-Imran	3	159	"So by Mercy from Allaah, [O Muhammad], you were lenient with them. If you had been harsh and hard-hearted, they would have dispersed from around you."
3	Al-Imran	3	200	And say (O Muhammad PBUH) Do deeds! Allaah will see your deeds and (so will) His Messenger PBUH and the believers.
4	Al-Tawbah	9	105	"And say, 'Do [as you will], for Allaah will see your deeds and [so will] His Messenger and the believers.'"
5	Ar-Ra'd	13	11	"Indeed, Allaah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves."
6	Al-Nahl	16	78	"And Allaah brought you out from the wombs of your mothers while you knew nothing and He gave you hearing, sight and hearts that you might give thanks."
7	Al-Isra	17	36	"Do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart about all those one will be questioned."
8	Al-Zumar	39	9	"Are those who know equal to those who do not know? Only they will remember who are people of understanding."
9	Al-Dhariyat	51	56	"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."
10	An-Najm	53	39-41	"That man can have nothing but what he strives for and that his striving will be seen; then he will be recompensed for it."

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17	Al-A'la	87	14-15	"He has succeeded who purifies himself and remembers the name of his Lord and prays."
18	Al-Shams	91	9-10	Indeed he succeeds who purifies himself and indeed he fails who corrupts his ownself.
19	Al-'Alaq	96	1-5	"Read in the name of your Lord who created. He created man from a clot. Read, and your Lord is Most Generous, who taught by the pen. He taught man that which he knew not."
20	Al-Asr	103	1-3	"By time, indeed mankind is in loss, except for those who believe, do righteous deeds and advise each other to truth and patience."

SCIENCE, NATURE & TECHNOLOGY VERSES

(SIGNS OF ALLAAH IN CREATION)

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1	Al-Baqarah	2	164	"Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of night and day and the ships that sail the sea with what benefits people are signs for people who reason."
2	Al-Ra'd	13	3-4	"And it is He who spread the earth and placed therein firm mountains and rivers... and in the land are neighboring plots, gardens of vines and crops, all watered with one water, yet We make some better than others to eat."
3	Al-Nahl	16	12	"He has subjected to you the night and the day and the sun and the moon; and the stars are made subservient by His command."
4	Al-Nahl	16	69	"And your Lord inspired the bee, saying: 'Take for yourself among the mountains houses and among the trees... then eat from every fruit and follow the ways of your Lord made easy.'"
5	Al-Anbiya	21	30	Have not those who disbeliev known that the heavens and the earth were joined together as one united piece, then we parted them? And we have made from water every living thing. Will they no then believe
6	Al-Anbiya	21	33	"It is He who created the night and the day and the sun and the moon; each floating in its orbit."
7	Al-Muminun	23	12-14	"We created man from an extract of clay... then made him a sperm-drop... then bones, then clothed bones with flesh, then We produced him as another creation."
8	An-Nur	24	43	"Do you not see that Allaah drives the clouds, then joins them together, then makes them into a heap and you see the rain emerge from within them?"
9	Al-Furqan	25	53	"And it is He who has released the two bodies of flowing water, one sweet and palatable and the other salty and bitter and He placed between them a barrier."
10	Al-Ankabut	29	20	"Say, 'Travel through the land and observe how He began creation; then Allaah will produce the final creation. Indeed, Allaah is over all things competent.'"

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12	Fatir	35	27-28	"Do you not see that Allaah sends down rain from the sky, and We produce thereby fruits of varying colors? And in the mountains are streaks white and red and some intensely black."
13	Yasin	36	38-40	"And the sun runs its course for a term appointed, And the moon we have measured for it mansions till it returns like the old dried, curved date stalk. It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor does the night outstrip the day."
14	Al-Zumar	39	21	"Have you not seen that Allaah sends down water from the sky and makes it flow as springs in the earth, then He brings forth crops of varying colors?"
15	Al-Rahman	55	5-7	"The sun and the moon run on precise courses, and the herbs (or stars) and the trees prostrate. And the heaven He raised and established the balance."
16	Al-Hadid	57	25	"And We sent down iron, in which is great strength and benefit for mankind, so that Allaah may make evident those who support Him and His messengers."
17	Al-Jathiyah	45	13	"He has subjected to you whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth, all from Him. Indeed, in that are signs for a people who think deeply"
18	Al-Naba	78	6-7	"Have We not made the earth as a bed and the mountains as pegs?"
19	Al-Nazi'at	79	30-33	"And after that He spread the earth, brought forth its water and its pasture and set the mountains firmly."
20	Al-Ghashiyah	88	17-20	"Do they not look at the camels, how they are created? And at the sky, how it is raised? And at the mountains, how they are set up? And at the earth, how it is outspread?"

CLOSING REFLECTIONS

Our journey through these pages was never meant to be an academic exercise, but a call to rediscover who we are. We are Muslims, an Ummah chosen to uphold justice, mercy, knowledge and service.

Our faith is not a label, it is a living light that must shine in our hearts, our homes and in our communities.

Each chapter of this book has pointed toward one truth:
Islam is complete, timeless and relevant for every aspect of our lives. But the real work begins when we, as individuals, embrace these principles and live them with sincerity.

The future of Muslims in Pakistan and across the world rests in the hearts of our youth. If you understand your vision, honour your heritage, practice your values and commit to growth, you will not only uplift yourself but also carry forward the dignity of Islam.

We must remember:
Our purpose is worship, our strength is unity, our weapon is knowledge, our shield is character and our legacy is contribution.

This is our identity.
This is our responsibility.
This is our path back to Allaah.

May Allaah guide us, strengthen us and make us the true ambassadors of His Deen.

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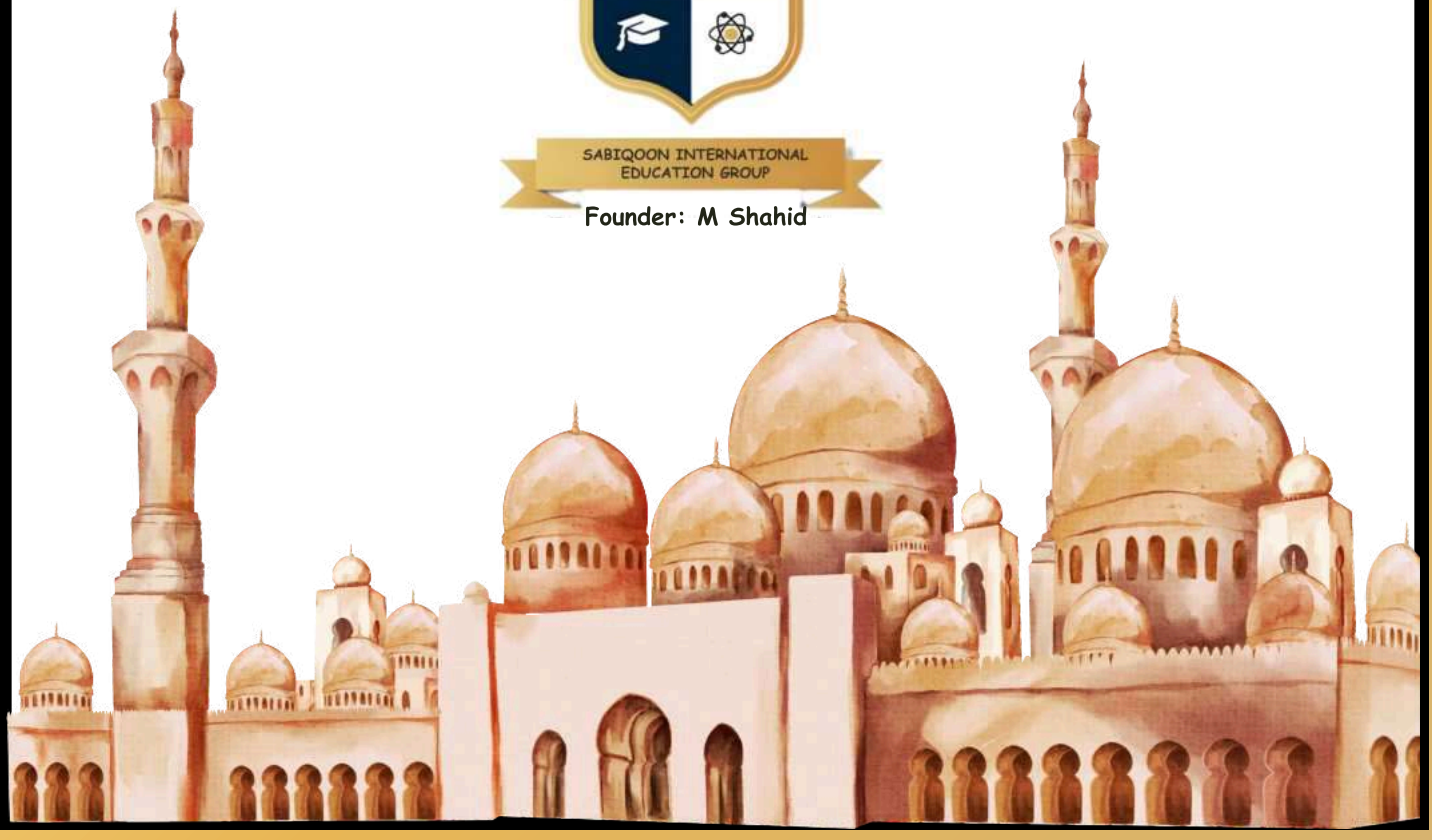
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